

Six ships to revert to Kuwaiti flag this month

KUWAIT, Feb 4, (Reuters): Kuwait is likely to haul down the US flag on six of its oil tankers later this month after the move is sanctioned by the US maritime administration, a senior shipping source said today.

Kuwait registered 11 of its oil tankers in the United States in 1987 at the height of the Gulf war to gain American naval protection from Iranian attack in the waterway.

But, tension has eased since Iran and Iraq began observing a ceasefire in August ending eight years of fighting.

Costly
The source said the Kuwait Oil Tanker Company (KOTC) had originally been given until Feb 22 to conform to US tanker specification, including all-American crews.

But KOTC decided it would be too difficult and costly to meet the requirements on six of the vessels — the gas carriers Gas King, Gas Queen, Gas Princess and Gas Prince and the ultra-modern product carriers Townsend and Middleton.

The five that continue to fly the American flag would comply with US rules this year in time for a new February 1990 deadline, the source said.

The Chairman of KOTC, Abdul Fatah Al Bader told a local daily that these five ships will revert to Kuwaiti flag after the expiry of the registration period.

The KOTC chairman said that insurance rates for the Gulf have gone back to their normal levels that prevailed before the Iraqi Invasion.

Drug traffickers

NICOSIA, Feb 4, (Reuters): Iran said today that 1,140 drug traffickers and addicts had been arrested in the latest round of a drive to stamp out narcotics abuse.

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ڈاکرات کیلئے پاکستان بچنے کے
○ کابل سے سویت اخراج
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WEATHER

FAIR weather with light to moderate north-westerly wind.
State of sea: light to moderate
High water: 12.30 pm, 10.00 pm
Low water: 6.00 am, 3.00 pm
Sunrise: 6.36 am
Sunset: 5.29 pm
Maximum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 15°C 59°F
Abu Dhabi: 14°C 57°F
Minimum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: -1°C 30°F
Abu Dhabi: 5°C 41°F
Fallaka: 3°C 37°F
Maximum temperatures expected:
Kuwait: 15°C 59°F
Abu Dhabi: 14°C 57°F
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Minimum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 54 per cent
Abu Dhabi: 53 per cent
Fallaka: 55 per cent

UN chief asks for extension of peacekeepers' mandate Gulf war unlikely to resume: Iran

UNITED NATIONS, Feb 4, (Agencies): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said yesterday his coming peace talks with the foreign ministers of Iran and Iraq should produce "neither victor nor vanquished" in order to achieve a comprehensive settlement in the Gulf.

Meanwhile an Iranian leader said the Gulf war was unlikely to resume.

Perez de Cuellar urged the Security Council to extend the mandate of a UN military group monitoring a ceasefire along the Iran-Iraq border.

Successful

The ceasefire was declared last Aug. 20, but negotiations to resolve differences made no apparent progress. The ceasefire is supervised by the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group whose six-month term will expire on Wednesday, and the council is expected to renew it at a meeting attended by the two foreign ministers at UN headquarters in New York.

"I am looking forward to pur-



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suing the discussions with the two foreign ministers soon," Perez de Cuellar told the council.

"At such time, I shall explore with them how to proceed in the most effective manner," he said. "For the talks to be successful, both sides have to accept that there will be neither victor nor vanquished at the negotiating table and that the integrity, dignity and honour of both countries will be preserved."

The exact date for a meeting between the UN chief and Foreign Ministers Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said today the war with Iraq was unlikely to erupt again but he warned Baghdad to withdraw its forces from Iranian soil.

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Velayati of Iran and Tareq Aziz of Iran has not been decided yet, but it will take place sometime next week, UN diplomats said.

Perez de Cuellar last met with them in Paris Jan 7 while they were attending the international conference on chemical weapons.

Requesting the extension Perez de Cuellar said: "It will be clear to the members of the Security Council that the continued presence of UNIMOG is an essential condition for further progress towards the full implementation of Resolution 598," he said.

Exchange

The resolution, adopted by the Security Council July 20, 1987 called for the ceasefire and talks on exchange of prisoners of war, withdrawal of troops and determination of the aggressor in the war that began Sept 1980.

UNIMOG, composed of 350 military officers from 24 countries, was sent to the Iran-Iraq border Aug 17, 1988.

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and one in New York.

The two adversaries had allowed some sick and elderly prisoners of war to return home as a gesture of goodwill. Last week, during talks with Perez de Cuellar's special envoy, Jan Eliasson of Sweden, Iraq agreed to let commercial airlines use its air space when flying to and from Iran. Iraq also agreed to form a joint military commission with Iran and the United Nations to solve disagreements in military matter.

Erupt

Iran's acting armed forces chief, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said today the war with Iraq was unlikely to erupt again but he warned Baghdad to withdraw its forces from Iranian soil.

He called on Iraq to pull back its troops to internationally recognised borders soon, Iran's news agency IRNA reported.

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KUWAIT, Feb 4, (Agencies): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Alamed returned home today from Damascus after brief meeting Syrian President Hafez Al Assad on the progress made by an Arab League team trying to end the Lebanon crisis.

Sheikh Sabah earlier visited Egypt and met President Hosni Mubarak after ending three days of talks in Tunis with Lebanese leaders.

Officials in Damascus said:

President Assad wished the committee success in its efforts to achieve reform in Lebanon and reconciliation among the Lebanese brothers — things that Syria has been keen to achieve for several years."

They said Sheikh Sabah and Assad reviewed developments in Lebanon. Sheikh Sabah also delivered a message to Assad from HH the Amir of Kuwait.

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an accord that will extricate Lebanon from the present situation," acting Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss told a news conference.

Hoss described his talks in Tunis with the Arab League committee as "very positive and fruitful."

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Assisted

After the meetings in Tunis Sheikh Sabah said Hoss and Aoun were still at odds, mainly over reforms to the sectarian-based political system.

Hoss said his government insisted that all presidential contenders should present a reform programme to give each sect a fair share in the system, which currently reserves the presidency for a Christian.

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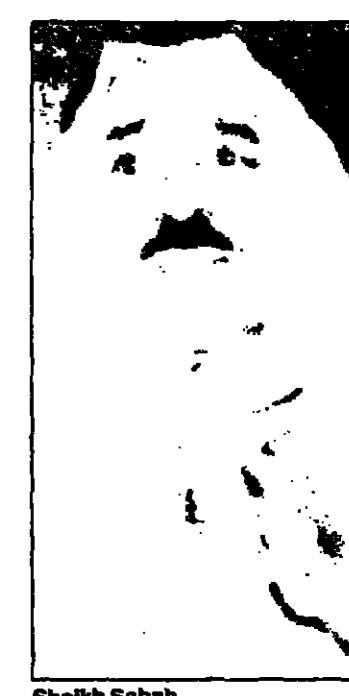
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Parliament failed to muster a quorum to choose a successor.

Some legal experts say Khalil, 84, the oldest member of Parliament, has the constitutional right to call for a meeting.

Aoun has been briefing Western diplomats, including US Ambassador John McCarthy, on his Tunis talk.

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Deng Xiaoping (left) greets Shevardnadze. (Reuters wirephoto)

Sino-Soviet summit scheduled for mid-May

BEIJING, Feb 4, (AP): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze ended a three-day visit to China today by announcing the time for a Sino-Soviet summit he said will usher in a new era in their long-stained relations.

Shevardnadze, speaking at a news conference, also said efforts were under way to reduce military tension along the Sino-Soviet border.

Shevardnadze said Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev will travel to Beijing in mid-May to meet Chinese senior leader Deng Xiaoping. Soviet sources said the summit is tentatively set for May 15.

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The foreign minister stressed that Gorbachev's visit will bring

about a "complete normalisation" of relations with China, including party-to-party relations.

He said the normalisation is directly linked to Soviet perestroika or economic restructuring, and Chinese economic reforms. Both countries seek an easing of international tensions so they can concentrate resources on rejuvenating their economies.

Shevardnadze, who met earlier today with Deng, said the 84-year-old Chinese leader stressed that the first Sino-Soviet summit in 30 years will "close the page on the past and open up a chapter on the future."

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Londoners evacuated as experts detonate bomb

LONDON, Feb 4, (Reuters): Hundreds of Londoners were evacuated from their homes today after construction workers found a 2,000 pound (800 kg) bomb dropped by the German Luftwaffe during World War Two bit of the city.

Police said the blast caused only minor damage in the Whitechapel area of East London. The bomb was found 15 feet (4.5 metres) under a building site.

Several hundred residents were ordered to leave their homes and police sealed off streets in the neighbourhood as a precaution.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, who met Shevardnadze yesterday, stressed the need for all factions to unite and form a strong Islamic government after Moscow completed its troop withdraw.

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INTERNATIONAL

Angola offers amnesty in bid to end civil war

LUANDA, Feb 4, (Reuters): The Angolan government introduced an amnesty today which it hopes will help end the country's 13-year-old civil war against US-backed guerrillas.

The 12-month amnesty, which follows a peace accord with South Africa in December, is open to rebels of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) who renounce violence and accept the Marxist government's authority.

The ruling MPLA Party, in power since independence in 1975, refuses to negotiate with the rebels.

Released

"The policy of clemency and national harmonisation decreed by our party is today a reality," Major-General Juliao Mateus Paulo, a senior member of the ruling party, told a rally in Kimata square in Luanda.

"We must always keep in mind that our people want peace," he said.

Shultz glad to be home

STANFORD, California, Feb 4, (AP): Former Secretary of State George Shultz says he doesn't miss the power and pomp of his old job and is happy to be back home on the Stanford University campus.

"No blue books, no term papers," he said in an interview published yesterday in the Peninsula Times Tribune newspaper. "I'd like to just sit around with students and let them ask questions, shoot the bull."

"Things like that are fun."

Shultz, who left the White House on Jan 20, spoke on the condition that no questions would be asked regarding foreign policy.

Shultz, 68, is one of four honorary fellows at the Hoover Institution, a conservative think

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Castro denies differences with Soviet leader

CARACAS, Venezuela, Feb 4, (AP): Cuban President Fidel Castro yesterday said he has no ideological differences with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, but added Soviet-style reforms would not help in Cuba.

Castro also reiterated an invitation to Pope John Paul II to visit Cuba and expressed his desire for Cuba's return to the Organisation of American States.

"I have no ideological or political discrepancies with Gorbachev. I have excellent relations with him," Castro said in a televised interview.

Castro came to Caracas this week for the first time in 30 years to attend the inauguration of Venezuela President Carlos Andres Perez.

"It is also not the case that Cuba does not want to open up, but that our two nations confront different problems and therefore seek different solutions," Castro said, speaking of the Soviet Union's policy of perestroika, or economic and social restructuring for greater efficiency. Castro has refused to implement similar reforms in Cuba.

Reforms

"Some like the Reagan era and some don't, but I think it was a productive and positive era," Shultz said. "Things were turned around. A lot happened."

Among other things, he said the Reagan years saw "a great maturing and improvement of our relations in Asia and the Pacific."

"We saw NATO prosper, and, working with our friends and allies, we saw relations with the Soviet Union change a lot. There was a big ripple effect there."

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Sheikh Saad to visit Iraq with official delegation

BAGHDAD, Feb 4, (KUNA): Iraqi Ambassador to Kuwait Assem Yacoub Yousef welcomed here today the scheduled three-day visit of HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to Baghdad next Monday.

The envoy told KUNA that HH's visit follows the positive developments in relations between the two countries in which Kuwait demonstrated honourable stands on all levels toward Iraq during its war with Iran.

He affirmed the importance of Sheikh Saad's visit, pointing out that numerous issues in Arab and Gulf arenas will be discussed in addition to bilateral relations.

Yousef explained that the Crown Prince will be briefed on the latest progress in the ongoing peace talks between Iraq and Iran in addition to discussing coordination of foreign policies.

Other issues of common interest in spheres of commerce and information along with joint projects will be considered, he underlined.

The ambassador said that cooperation in security and cultural fields will be reviewed.

HH will be accompanied by an official delegation comprising State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saad Moham-

med Al Ossaimi, Trade and Industry Minister Faisal Abdul Razak Al Khaled and Board Chairman and Director-General of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duai Al Sabah.

The delegation will also include Undersecretary of His Highness' Diwan Abdul Latif Abdul Rahman Rahman Al Baher, Foreign, Interior and Electricity and Water Undersecretaries Sulaiman Majed Al Sharif, Maj. Gen. Yousef Bader Al Kharafi and Abdulla Mohammed Al Menayes along with Director of the Foreign Ministry's Arab Nation Department Head Abdul Hamid Abdul Razak Al Buaijan. In Baghdad, the Kuwaiti Ambassador to Iraq Ibrahim Jassim Al Balo will join the team.

The delegation further groups publisher of Al Rai Al Aam newspaper Abdul Aziz Fahd Al Masaed, Board Chairman and Director-General of Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) Bargas Hmoud Al Bargas, head of the Kuwait Journalists Association Ahmad Yousef Behbehani, chief editors of Al Seyassah, Al Watan, Al Anbaa, Al Qabas and Kuwait Times, in addition to other officials from the Crown Prince and Premier's Diwan and media from Information Ministry and KUNA.

Warning on foot and mouth disease in cows

OWNERS of cow farms have warned of the dangers of the spread of foot and mouth disease in the Sulaibiya area. They said that their cows did not respond to treatment provided by the Animal Health Department of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth.

The infection they said originated at the northern farms of Sulaibiya area. Strong winds contributed to the spread and diagnosis of the virus.

However, weak cows could not respond to the treatment provided by the authorities. In some farms nearly 95 per cent of the cows were infected and stopped providing milk. Some two to three per cent of calves on the farms died.

Fertilisers:

Farmers attributed the cause of the disease to locally produced fertilisers from which the virus originated. Infected cows refuse to eat and suffer from high temperatures.

A farmer Hassan Mubarak said that the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth did its best to protect cow farms in the Sulaibiya area. However, the authority did not understand the magnitude of the problem and everyday the number of infected

cows is increasing, he said.

Adel Mahmoud, an official at the Kuwaiti Dairy Co. has warned of the dangers of drinking fresh milk without boiling it. He said that his company receives fresh milk from farms of the union of the dairy producers and pasteurises the milk at its dairy. Added that all fresh milk in the local market is free of any virus or bacteria.

Hygiene

Cow farms in Sulaibiya area were infected by the disease in February 1988, according to Abdulla Rahim Oudah. He added that cows of these farms are vaccinated four times a year, but they have developed no immunity against the disease.

Dr Sultan Ahmed, the director of the Animal Health Department and isolation of the infected cows has been an on-going process. Slaughtering of some infected cows has also been initiated.

The disease can be prevented and halted by not permitting live animals from the infected areas to mingle with cows from other farms and using the best and most hygienic methods to keep farms clean.

Ahmadi schools to celebrate National Day

KUWAIT, Feb 4, (KUNA): Schools in Ahmadi Governorate are to take part in the country's National Day celebrations.

Director of Education at the governorate Abdulla Al Luqman told KUNA that the schools in the area will take the opportunity to honour outstanding students.

He said the governorate is also preparing for holding a sports tournament in Wafra this month

and the Ahmadi festival next month.

Luqman said activities of the two festivals include scientific, sports and cultural contests.

He added that ten new schools will be opened in the new academic year due to population increase in the area.

There are 150 schools in Ahmadi governorate in addition to 22 kindergartens.

Filipino blinded in Sea Isle City attack awarded \$1.2 million

MIAMI, Feb 4, (AP): A Filipino sailor blinded when an Iranian missile hit the reflagged Kuwaiti tanker he was serving on has been awarded a \$1.2 million judgment against the government of Iran.

Victorino Gonzaga's wife also was awarded damages of \$500,000. The judgments were handed down earlier this week by US District Judge Thomas E. Scott after hearings in which the Iranian government did not make any appearances.

In addition to Iran, defendants

named in the suit were Kuwait Oil Tanker Co., Kuwait Petroleum Corp., Glen Eagle Ship Management Inc. and Chesapeake Shipping Inc. The US Federal Court had jurisdiction over the suit because the defendants together carry on more than \$3 billion worth of business in the United States.

The suit charged that the defendants knowingly endangered Gonzaga because "to reach Kuwait the vessel must run a 550-mile gauntlet that includes Chinese-made silkworm surface-

to-surface missiles."

According to Lipcon, the companies settled out of court for \$725,000.

Lipcon and Pedraza told the Associated Press yesterday that they will seek to collect the judgment against Iran either by filing garnishment proceedings in cases in which Iran is a plaintiff in suits in US courts and by proceeding in West Germany and other countries where Iran has financial assets and in countries with which Iran has treaties.

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EVENTS

GOING PLACES

Boyer wins applause at IAC

By Peter D'Souza

GOAN dramatist M. Boyer's highly acclaimed drama *Ekuch Kazar* ("Only One Marriage") convinces viewers to be faithful to their wives. The play was performed before a packed audience at the IAC on Friday.

The tragedy with comic overtones conveys the message that it is a good idea to "be true to your wife even if you can explore greener pastures."

The play revolves around Conrad (Mike Mehta), a happily married businessman and his marriage experiences. The plot develops after Valerie (Felcy) joins the firm as a secretary. Conrad, who has a roving eye, promptly falls in love with Valerie and deserts his wife Sonia (Betty Naz) to marry the secretary. Conrad also resigns from his job to avoid family pressure.

Folly

It is at this point that the playwright talks about marital bliss and the folly of betrayal. The initial happiness doesn't



Liberate (Platilda) scolds her husband (M. Boyer) for following girls, in the drama *Ekuch Kazar*.

last long as Valerie starts blaming Conrad for living "at my cost." And it is too late by the time Conrad realises his folly. The play ends on a tragic note with Conrad repenting for his past mistakes and realising that he is unable to make amends.

The tragedy was offset by light-hearted comedy provided by Boyer, who plays the naive husband of Liberate (Platilda), and gets into several impossible

situations. Boyer's punchy dialogue had the audience rolling with laughter. His song, a satire on Indian sports, received much applause with requests for encores.

Actors Joe Rose, Platilda and Mike Mehta did justice to their roles. The others in the cast were Sabina, Josephine, Rosario Dias and Rosary Ferns, who also made a good impression.

In between the six-act play, singers Rod Jr., Marcelin de Betim, Felcy, Cajetan-Marcus-Xavier provided a musical interlude, singing highly appreciated songs.

Singers Felcy and Betty Naz also released their first audio cassette during the performance. Joe Rose's recordings were promoted at the IAC.

M. Boyer told the audience that he will return to Kuwait in November this year to stage another drama called "Chima Zalim Sopna" ("Thoughts Turn to Dreams"). He will be accompanied by another popular dramatist-comedian Jatin Vaz, he added.

The drama *Ekuch Kazar* was presented by the New Goans Overseas Association.

Computers can save Arab music from decline

PARIS, Feb 4, (KUNA): A Kuwaiti musician has urged the Arab world to use computers to save Arab music from further decline.

Dr Yasien Seif of Kuwait's Higher Institute of Music has said computerisation will enable the Arab world to overcome the main difficulties facing the development of music in the region.

Speaking at a seminar at the Arab Music Academy's 11th convention in Paris, Dr Seif said the main obstacle for contemporary Arab musicians was the insufficient knowledge about orchestration. There is also a shortage of musicians and the lack of skilled sound engineers, he said.

Seif said: "The problem of contemporary Arab music is

not in its format but is mainly in the quality of performance."

Seif, a graduate of the University of Southern California, said he has developed a computer programme to teach Arab tunes to students in Kuwait. He said the technique was applied to teach American students the basics of Arab music.

He believes that the use of computer, which provides numerous tunes, assists musicians to become more creative and improves their individual training "simply because the machine never tires."

Musicians in the US, Europe and Japan link their computers to sound synthesizers to write music and can listen to their compositions immediately.

Rich colours offset

black 'n' white mood

A PROFUSION of colour was evident at Holiday Inn's Diamond Club fashion show held last week. Rich colours ranging from fuchsia pinks and magentas to yellows and blues offset the abundance of black and white, the colours in fashion, used by Indian designer Tapati Ray.

Ray showed a selection of 44 dresses, divided into the Indian and Western sections, with an accent on oriental and exotic colours and fabrics. The fabrics used for casual and evening wear ranged from rich silks to brocades. Cottons and other fabrics were also used.

The designs basically followed the dictates of other fashion modes with ruffles, bows and trousers and pouffe ball skirts and slim-waist jackets.

The clothes were modelled by Sharmila, Abeer, Angela, Arlene, Mina, Raeda, Sayeda, Francesca, Ivy and Mildred.

More than 400 people attended the Diamond Club show.



Ivy models a black and white ensemble with overlapping trousers.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.10 Good Morning
- 9.15 Cartoon serial
- 9.45 World News via Satellite
- 10.00 Abna's Al Diyah: Arabic serial; Star-starring: Jamil Awadh, Juliet Awadh, Ruhai Al Saifi, Iman Kamel.
- 10.50 News Summary/Good Morning
- 11.00 Al Daleel: local Arabic serial; starring Mohammad Al Manase, Ayesha Ibrahim
- 12.00 Believe it or Not!
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

- 4.00 Holy Quran
- 4.15 World News via Satellite
- 4.45 Cartoon serial
- 5.15 Tum Tek and Children

5.30 Thousand and One Nights

6.00 Liqa Fi Al Zakira: historical serial; starring: Fakhry Al Akidi, Fawzia Mahdi, Nizar Al Samarai

7.00 News Summary

7.15 Noor Al Islam

7.50 Diwaniyah Shura Al Nabi: poetry session

8.30 Good Evening

9.00 News in English

9.50 Al Jawzaah: Arabic serial; starring: Safa Abul Saud, Salah Saadani, Yusuf Shaban, Mohsin Tawfiq.

10.50 Musical Interlude: part of variety show

12.30 News Summary

12.35 World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

involved in community work.

7.00 Scientific Eye: examines "body temperature."

7.30 The Pursuit of Happiness: Dave is 30. Does he celebrate his birthday? Comedy.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Call Me Mister: "Frozen Assets."

Jack is hired to find the men who robbed a house.

9.40 Dive to Adventure: examines the wealth of life at sea.

10.00 What's Happening Now: "Shirley's Pen Pal." Shirley's pen pal pays a visit.

10.30 Best-Seller: "The Lancaster and Miller Affair," Part 2.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Dennis the Menace: cartoon serial
- 6.30 The Owl: documentary. Children are

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 30 Composer of the Month (ex 12th Play of the Week: Molere)
- 0100 News Summary (ex 12th) followed by Play of the Week: 5th Educating Rita; 12th Molere contd: 19th Philocrites; 26th King of Prism.
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Nature Now
- 20 Financial Review
- 29 Book Choice
- 45 W B Yeats: Readings from the Poems
- 1000 News Summary followed by Poems in Action
- 30 In Praise of God
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 From Our Own Correspondent
- 30 Composer of the Month (ex 12th Play of the Week: Molere)
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- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Financial Review
- 45 Words of Faith
- 45 Letter from America
- 0600 News
- 30 Jazz for the Asking
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News

- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 5th Feature: 12th Glorious Revolution; 19th Feature: 26th Pocher's Trail
- 45 Letters from America
- 1700 World News
- 09 World Cities
- 15 Jazz for the Asking
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1800 Newsdesk
- 30 In Praise of God
- 1900 News Summary followed by Her's Hump!
- 15 A Question of Science
- 2000 News
- 09 World Cities
- 25 Words of Faith
- 30 My Music (ex 5th Novel Ideas contd)
- 2100 News Summary followed by Sports Roundup
- 15 The Pleasure's Yours

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Scherene Qaul
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Asr	3.08 pm
Maghreb	5.30
Isha	6.49

CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus
- Youn Mir Youm Helu (Arabic)
- Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Munier
- Al Sahiya
- Al Zalzal (Arabic play)
- Al Hamra
- Shaitan Yaghra (Arabic)
- Starring: Mahmoud Yasseen, Bosi
- Drive-In
- Bint Min Dahab (Arabic)
- Starring: Shireen, Ahmad

- Rateb, Mahmood Jundi
- Al Firdous
- Zameen Aasman (Hindi)
- Starring: Sunjay Dutt, Anita Raj
- Al Fahaleel
- Deadly Friend
- Al Jabra
- Aatish (Hindi)
- Granada
- Kabza (Hindi)
- Soleilhakat
- The Count of Monte Cristo

ARAB HEALTH '89

The International Hospital and Medical Equipment and Services Exhibition for the Middle East.

Now in its 12th year, Arab Health is firmly established as the most successful and prestigious health-care exhibition in the Arab World.

With several hundred companies from more than 20 different countries showing the latest in medical technology and services, Arab Health '89 is the manufacturing world's shop window in the Middle East. The show will include equipment that has never before been seen in this region.

A four-day conference covering all aspects of head surgery, presented in co-operation with the Department of Health, Government of Dubai, will be held simultaneously with the exhibition at the Dubai International Trade Centre's conference theatre.

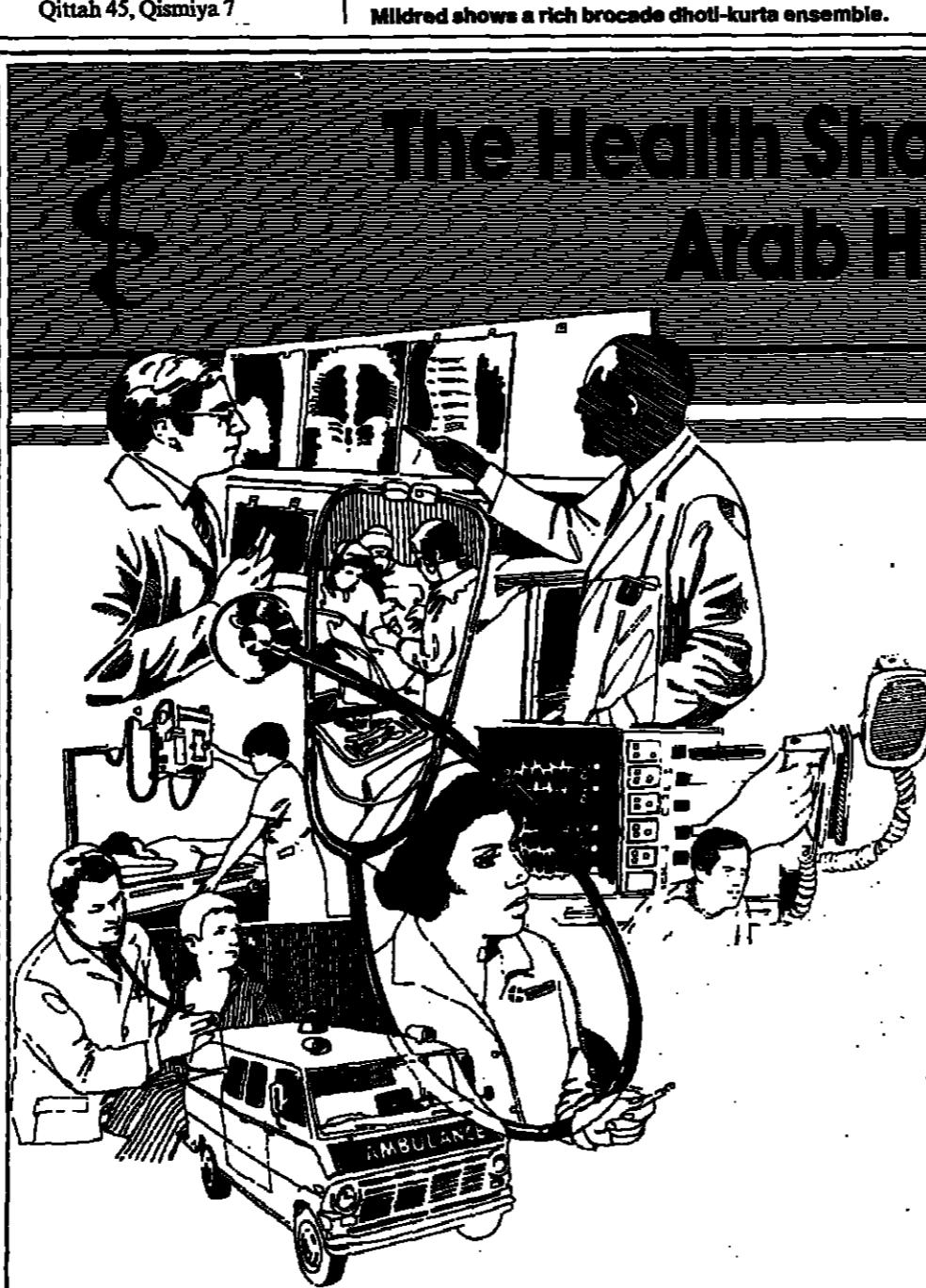
12-15 February, 1989. Halls 2 & 3 Dubai International Trade Centre, UAE

ARAB DENTISTRY '89

The Middle East Dental and Oral Health Equipment and Materials Exhibition.

Run in conjunction with Arab Health, the international exhibition for dental and oral health equipment in the Middle East is expected to repeat the outstanding success of its first appearance in 1987.

Arab Dentistry '89 is vital for all dental professionals and purchasing administrators. The leading manufacturers will display full ranges of dental products and equipment, including the very latest developments in technology and materials.



Mildred shows a rich brocade dhoti-kurta ensemble.

EXHIBITIONS

Children's Books of the Year '88

UNTIL FEB 16: An exhibition of British books for children, written by award-winning writers and illustrators, will be held at the British Council, Mansoura.

The programme is as follows: FILMS: Feb 8 (6 pm): Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day (cartoon); Feb 15 (6 pm): The Amazing Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (cartoons).

Training and games every Friday at the Ahmadi ground; training starts at 10 am and mini-Rugby finishes at 11.30 am. For details call Hugh McAree — 532-6368 or Geoff Bennett — 533-2683.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

REVENGE does us more harm than the injury itself —
John Lubbock, English astronomer-mathematician
(1803-1865).

China's guesthouse radiates luxury

By David Butts

BEIJING, (AP): US President George Bush, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and Britain's Prince Charles have at least one thing in common — all will sleep in the same bed this year at China's government guesthouse for the rich and famous.

Bush, who arrives on Feb 25, will be the first of the three to stretch out on the king-size bed in the poshest of the Diaoyutai state guesthouse's 15 presidential suites.

Gorbachev, expected to visit Beijing this spring for the first Chinese-Soviet summit in 30 years, and Charles, scheduled to visit on Nov 1 with his wife, Diana, are among dozens of heads of state, captains of industry and international VIPs who will stay this year in Diaoyutai's well-guarded, secluded villas.

Diaoyutai, which means "fishing terrace," served as a retreat for Chinese emperors more than 800 years ago. Now, its 40 hectares (100 acres) are covered with pine groves where peacocks wander. Swans glide gracefully across a pond.

From its gold-plated bathroom fixtures and silk-covered walls to its displays of ancient bronzeware and gold cloisonne, Diaoyutai radiates luxury and elitism in a grubby, grey city where egalitarianism so lately was in style.

Ideology seems to stop at the gates to Diaoyutai. Even during the extreme leftist Cultural Revolution of 1966-76, Chairman Mao Tse-Tung's wife, Jiang Qing, used to relax between speeches condemning foreign capitalist influence by watching Western movies in Villa No. 17.

China's shifting foreign policy can be charted from the guest list. In 1959, when the villas were built, most of the guests were socialist revolutionaries, like Cheng Shaoliang, said, most are Americans and Japanese.

Vietnamese revolutionary Ho Chi Minh, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, French President Francois Mitterrand and US President Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan are among the parade of world leaders who have stayed at Diaoyutai. Many held historic talks there with Chinese leaders.

Security

"Other hotels in Beijing may be more convenient — guests can come and go more freely," Cheng said in a recent interview. "But we offer quiet and security they can't match."

Security, discretion and connections are the specialties of this hotel run by professional diplomats.

Cheng, 55, and his deputy Sun Guotong, both former counsellors in Chinese embassies

US, Japan may vie for arms market

By Kathy Wilhlem

TOKYO, (UPI): When the icon of American business, Lee Iacocca, recently visited Japan, the nation that repeatedly beats the pants off US businessmen, he cited the defence industry as America's one indispensable area of competitive dominance overseas.

"We do build great products in America — F-16 fighters, supersonic aircraft, great aircraft carriers and a Star Wars network that will blow your mind," Iacocca said.

There are increasing signs however, that Japan may some day challenge America in the weapons marketplace.

American defence experts are questioning the wisdom of aiding Japanese companies that may soon be competing against American firms.

Bush must decide how much technology the United States is willing to share with Japan and what Americans should demand in return.

Exchange

The Reagan administration favoured increased technology exchange and recently reached an agreement to allow Japan to develop a new jet fighter based on the General Dynamics F-16 fighter.

For their part, the Japanese will give General Dynamics the technology needed to manufacture an advanced composite material for aircraft wings.

Sweden and Finland well prepared

Protecting citizens from wind-borne poisons

By Gary Thatcher

HELSINKI and Stockholm:

There is something decidedly unusual in the parking garage underneath the McDonald's restaurant in downtown Helsinki.

Along the walls, at regular intervals between the parking spaces, are wash basins.

There's also something odd about the Lilla Bjorn (Little Bear) Child Care Centre in a suburb of Stockholm.

Most of the rooms are open and sunny, but one at the centre of the building has relatively tiny windows, set deep into walls that are more than a foot thick.

These kinds of architectural details are evident in countless buildings across Finland, Sweden, and other Scandinavian countries. They're subtle, and easily missed if you don't know what to look for.

But they have a very specific purpose.

The parking garage and the day-care centre are specially constructed to double as shelters from, among other things, chemical and biological weapons attacks.

Sweden, in particular, has gone an extraordinary step further in protecting its citizenry from wind-borne poisons. That explosion, at a civilian nuclear reactor in the Soviet Ukraine, raised radioactive particles on vast stretches of Finnish and Swedish territory, causing millions of dollars in damage to agriculture in both countries. It also caused some small alarm among the unprotected civilian populace.

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Protection

Finland, on the other hand, has opted for collective rather than individual protection; it has spaces for 2.6 million people in shelters scattered across the country, each equipped with special air-filtering systems to trap every known chemical and biological warfare agent.

No other country even approaches these two nations when it comes to preparedness.

But other nations are noting the example. Civil defence officials from a number of countries, including China, have visited in the past year. They have toured the shelters, peered through the gas masks — and

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come away impressed.

The interest has been a boon to some of the companies that make the specialised protection equipment.

"It's been like this abroad," says Rolf Palmاءus, moving his hand in a steep upward arc to indicate the rising interest. Palmاءus is product manager for defence products of Sweden's Trelleborg Group, a chief supplier of gas masks to the country's civil defence programme.

He says there's no doubt it's because of the Iran-Iraq war, which saw the most extensive use of chemical weapons since World War I.

Sweden and Finland have their own reasons for taking civilian protection so seriously. Both are neutral nations. Both have openly declared that they possess no chemical or biological weapons, and therefore could not retaliate in kind if attacked with these substances. And they have a long tradition of emphasising civil protection.

Explosion

But the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster in the Soviet Union underscored the need for protecting against wind-borne poisons. That explosion, at a civilian nuclear reactor in the Soviet Ukraine, raised radioactive particles on vast stretches of Finnish and Swedish territory, causing millions of dollars in damage to agriculture in both countries. It also caused some small alarm among the unprotected civilian populace.

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Instead, the Finnish planning is shifting emphasis to making sure there are shelters near where the people are.

In fact, any dwelling in Finland larger than 3,000 cubic metres must, by law, include a shelter, in the basement. The national government reimburses builders or residents for the extra costs incurred to provide such a shelter.

In addition, Finnish municipalities are required to provide shelters for anyone in a building without one. The national government budgets some 140 million (about \$30 million) to build shelters large enough to serve entire neighbourhoods.

All have activated-charcoal air filters and are equipped with overpressure devices that inhibit



A father explains to his daughter how a gas mask works.

the inflow of contaminated air. All are kept ready for use 24 hours a day. And each shelter is fitted with an air lock at the entrance, and decontamination areas to rinse off any person coming from the outside.

In the capital city, Helsinki, 34 large shelters were blasted out of bedrock under the city. Theoretically, they would accommodate 90 per cent of the city's population.

In fact, there are practical problems. The city's population swells during the day by 110,000 commuters, students, tourists, and businesspeople. And while some neighbourhoods have a surplus of shelter space, others suffer from a deficit.

Fitting growing, active children presented a particular problem. The solution was a protective cloak with a respirator in a coal-like overgarment. A special "baby lift" has been created for infants: resembling a clear-plastic bassinet, it has a zipper hood and a battery-powered gas filter.

"It will take, I would say, at least 20 years" to balance supply with demand across the

city, says Niilo Kohonen, civil defence chief in Helsinki.

In peacetime, civil defence officials make the shelters available for other community activities.

The cavernous 9,000-person rock shelter in the suburb of Kontula is being used as a youth centre. Young people repair autos, do woodwork, or fire ceramics; there are squash courts and weight-lifting rooms below hundreds of feet of solid rock.

Stockholm's Lilla Bjorn Child Care Centre is another shelter doing double duty.

Sweden has also stockpiled certain vaccines in the event of a clandestine attack with biological weapons. But officials admit that a surprise attack involving biological or even the most elementary of chemical agents — mustard gas — might wreak havoc, especially if it occurred along with a conventional artillery attack. The country's medical facilities would likely be overwhelmed, and medical personnel might not know what kind of treatment to administer.

Problem

"To be frank," says Dr Karl Axel Norberg, medical director of the emergency and disease planning division of the National Board of Health and Welfare, "we'd have a problem dealing with burn patients, let alone the kind of (mustard gas) victim. The state of medical knowledge is fairly low."

"We've recognised the need and we're working in the field," he says.

But money is an ever-present problem.

Health officials asked parliament for 330 million kronor yearly (about \$33 million) for emergency civilian medical protection supplies, equipment, and training, says Jan Hjelmstedt, an official in the emergency and wartime planning division of the Health and Welfare Board. They got 22 million (about \$26 million).

"Of course, I would have to say that isn't enough," Hjelmstedt says.

Still, research has found that even unlimited funds wouldn't provide all the answers.

"If an aggressor uses these agents against a civilian population," Dr Norberg says, "that population can never be fully protected."

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Bush cautious on Soviets and Mideast

WASHINGTON, (AP): President George Bush's trip to China this month underscores the importance of US relations with the world's largest country, and although the two have no overriding problems, Bush has some serious issues to discuss with the Chinese.

One is the joint effort the United States and China are making to promote reconciliation between South Korea and North Korea. Another is the growing improvement in relations between China and the Soviet Union.

Bush's trip will be the first visit to Beijing by a US chief executive in nearly five years. Former President Ronald Reagan visited the Chinese capital in April 1984.

But while Bush looks to the Far East, stopping also in Japan for Emperor Hirohito's funeral, two other regions where problems are far more pressing have been consigned at least for now to the back burner.

Bush and his top foreign policy advisers, Secretary of State James A. Baker III and Brent Scowcroft, the National Security Adviser, are taking their time about the Soviet Union and the Middle East.

Baker, who is inexperienced in both areas, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during his confirmation hearing that he wanted to "review the bidding" in US-Soviet negotiations to reduce long-range nuclear weapons.

"These companies are always arguing national security, but what they are really talking about is profit security," Murtha said.

Baker also said the United States should avoid "a headlong rush" to provide Moscow with loans and credits, which are traditionally a useful tool in improving relations.

Scowcroft has more experience in foreign policy matters, but he too is taking a very cautious approach in dealing with Moscow. He worries that Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's peace offensive may have as one of its main goals "making trouble within the alliance" of Western nations. He is suspicious that Gorbachev's motivation is to buy time to reform the Soviet economy — which is a lot different from approaching Gorbachev primarily as a world leader trying to ease East-West tensions.

"There is more diplomatic fluidity now and opportunity there than there's been in some time," he told reporters on his final trip, to Vienna, last week.

Baker, on the other hand, emphasized that "we ought to be realistic about the prospects for achieving a breakthrough." He also told the Senate Committee "there is no more intractable problem facing us."

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Iran's structure and strands

By Eric Hall

DUBAI, (Reuter): "I come from Iran, the birthplace of the most acclaimed and least known revolution of the contemporary period."

So said Iranian President Ali Khamenei to the United Nations General Assembly in New York, in 1987.

Now, 10 years after exiled leader Ayatollah Khomeini returned to triumph in Tehran on Feb 1, 1979, the future of the Islamic Revolution is as cloudy as its past.

Analysts recognise two major political groups which are struggling for position on these issues. First is Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi and parts of his cabinet who favour more state control in all sectors.

Second is Speaker of the Majlis (parliament) Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, a pragmatist who would use private and foreign capital and expertise when necessary.

To their political left and right are a host of other groups all trying to win Khomeini's pronouncements correct.

There are no less than four powerful special councils which can hold up Majlis legislation.

Add to these Khomeini's designated spiritual successor Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri.

The number of separate lobbies has prompted some Iranian critics to call for a return to the

West.

Western diplomats in the Gulf

are agreed that no durable

decision can be made without Khomeini's authorisation.

And when the 86-year-old Khomeini disappears from the scene, "the idea that the supreme leader

By Georgina Angel

EVERYONE knows the value of vitamins as a source of super-health and well-being.

But little-known minerals have their own part to play and can produce an extraordinary amount of energy and vitality—especially when taken in larger doses than those normally recommended.

And essential minerals are important for beauty and glowing good looks as well as all-round health.

Certain minerals are more well known than others, principally because deficiencies in them cause common illness. Most women know that a lack of iron leads to anaemia and that calcium deficiency causes brittle bones, nails and teeth.

Minerals

But there are many other minerals that are equally essential for good health and beauty, even if they are needed only in tiny amounts. And though the amount contained in food is low we very often run what little there is by overcooking food.

To absorb enough minerals, most women would have to eat 3,000 to 4,000 calories a day, when in fact they tend to keep their weight constant by eating 1,500 to 1,700 calories a day. This supports the theory that overweight people are often happier and healthier—their foods are receiving bigger doses of minerals and vitamins simply because the quantity of food they consume contains sufficient amounts of both.

People's need for minerals has increased in recent years with their greater participation in sport. Strenuous activity increases the body's requirement

Look good — by starting a chemical reaction



Try to get enough minerals from your food and drink.

for minerals such as iron and magnesium, a deficiency of which can lead to muscle cramping and heart problems. But it is

The idea of pumping your body full of sulphur, potassium and phosphorus may sound crazy. But with supplements to make up any deficiencies, you could discover a new lease of life, health and vitality.

not advisable to take these in supplement form except under medical supervision.

Overdose

The type of vitamin supplement sold over the counter is not harmful because any excess taken is simply passed out of the body as waste. But minerals can react badly if taken in supplement form. They react with each other and an overdose of one could have the effect of destroying another, causing a deficiency.

Try to get enough minerals from your food, increasing the intake of a certain food if you know it contains a certain mineral that might be of benefit to you—and you can do this when you know exactly where particular minerals are found and what they can do for your health and appearance. They are important for the formation of skin, muscle, blood and nerve cells. They aid the natural regeneration process and help to keep skin firm and young looking.

Like vitamins, minerals are essential in the body. They cause chemical reactions that lead to proper digestion, the absorption of nutrients from food and the production of hormones. And

mineral deficiencies are often the cause of skin and hair problems like dandruff and acne, as well as more serious illnesses. Mood swings, pre-menstrual tension and stress are often thought to be associated with a shortage of minerals.

Protein

A lack of minerals makes people prone to further losses of minerals in a vicious circle. The polluted atmosphere in which most of us live today depletes our bodies of vital minerals and vitamins and it is essential to build up a state of immunity to illness by eating foods containing those nutrients.

Minerals are divided into two categories—macrominerals and micronutrients or trace elements. The first category is needed to sustain life and needed in higher amounts than the second category. Micronutrients are found in the body in the tiniest amounts, but are equally important for health and beauty.

Microminerals

Calcium: Calcium is the mineral most needed by the body as it is essential for a number of the body's major functions: cell renewal, growth, skin healing and healthy bones and teeth all require calcium. It also aids the absorption of other nutrients from food and is said to build up resistance to pollution from the environment. It is found in dairy products, nuts, grains, seeds and sardines.

Magnesium:

This aids the digestion of the food. Without it, the complicated chemical reaction that occurs every time you eat could not occur. It is also needed for healthy bones and skin and has a lot to do with good, firm muscle, tone and a sound heart. It is often used in the treatment of skin disorders.

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Pearl necklaces should be rinsed about once a year, depending on frequency of wear.

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Phosphorus:

This mineral is a woman's best-



Strenuous activity increases the body's requirements for minerals.

friend because of the effect it has on "female disorders." It encourages the secretion of certain hormones which can alleviate premenstrual tension and stress, and it is said to make periods lighter and less painful and helps the body to dispose of wastes which can reduce the problem of water retention. It is found in dairy products, nuts, grains, seeds and sardines.

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Sodium:

Too much of this mineral causes water retention, often a problem with women, but it is still needed in small amounts. It encourages the proper functioning of the muscular, nervous and

Selenium: This is an important beauty mineral as it works in conjunction with vitamin E to slow down wrinkling and ageing in the skin and to preserve a firm, well-padded appearance. It also works on the natural immune system in the body, encouraging a resistance to disease and environmental pollution. The digestive system is said to work more efficiently when there is selenium present and it is sometimes used to treat dandruff. It is found in uncooked fruit and vegetables, eggs, garlic, liver and fish.

Iodine

The metabolism of the body depends to a large extent on the thyroid gland, something that can function efficiently only when there is sufficient iodine in the body. Increasing the intake of iodine can sometimes cause weight loss by stepping up the metabolism and an underactive thyroid is very common among people over thirty-five and those who are overweight. The thyroid gland also governs circulation throughout the body. Doses of iodine can also improve the condition of the hair which is dependent on the circulation for its condition. Iodine is found in seaweed, onions, seafood and cod liver oil.

Sulphur

This is the beauty mineral because of its effect on hair, skin and nails. Hair that is lank and dull-looking can perk up surprisingly quickly with doses of sulphur, and an improvement in brittle nails and dry skin can be spotted just as quickly. Many men suffer from a deficiency in sulphur because eggs are the most common source, but they are cutting down on these drastically to avoid high cholesterol levels. Sulphur is also said to help the body resist infection and to aid mental clarity. It is found mainly in eggs, but also in fish, beans, onions and cabbage.

Zinc:

Women who are on the Pill often suffer from a deficiency in zinc as the Pill prevents its absorption to a large extent. This can lead to stress and white spots on the nails. A lack of zinc is also thought to be one of the chief causes of stretch marks in women who are overweight or pregnant. Zinc is essential for many of the normal functions of the body such as cell renewal, skin repair, digestion and growth. It is found in seafood, nuts and wholegrains, and vegetables that have been grown in soil that is already rich in zinc.

Cleaning tips for jewellery



Without proper care, jewellery gets a little worn.

clean diamonds often to renew their sparkle. Consult your jeweller for a list of gems and jewellery that can be safely cleaned with an ultrasonic device. If you use an ultrasonic cleaner, have your jeweller check the stone's settings every six months to ensure against loose ness.

Avoid using bleach to clean any type of jewellery. Bleach, chlorine and other chemicals—such as those found in hairsprays and perfumes—can damage gemstones and fine jewellery.

Use a good, non-abrasive silver polish for sterling silver jewellery.

Toothpaste can brighten your karat gold jewellery. Using a soft bristle brush, gently scrub your karat gold jewellery as you would when brushing your teeth.

Follow the brushing by dipping the gold in the same cleaning solution you use for pearls. The toothpaste will leave a film on the gemstones mounted in the piece and therefore must be cleaned off with the solution.

Use a plush-lined box for storing jewellery at home, with a different compartment for each piece of jewellery. Ideally, each piece should be stored separately in a small plastic bag. Do not overstuff by storing more than one piece of jewellery in each compartment—you risk scratching the softer gemstones.

For travel, pack your gemstones and jewellery in small plastic bags or small pouches. Using a see-through bag prevents the risk of inadvertently throwing your gems out, which can happen if you wrap them in facial tissue or napkins.

Statistics of shame, says UNICEF

Women still dying at childbirth

By Sydney Rubin

PARIS, (AP): More than 1,000 women around the world die daily from pregnancy complications, childbirth or abortions. Experts say many could have been saved.

Each year, 300,000 women die from complications during pregnancy or childbirth, and 200,000 from illegal abortions, according to a study by the United Nations International Children's Education Fund.

The overwhelming majority of the deaths occur in the Third World. And for every woman who dies, at least 10 are permanently handicapped by a complication during pregnancy or childbirth, UNICEF says.

Referring to the numbers as "the statistics of shame," UNICEF notes that female mortality in childbirth is 450 per 100,000 in underdeveloped nations, a rate 15 times higher than in the industrialized world.

A week-long meeting in Niamey, Niger, is focussing how to improve those rates. Attending are health ministers and other delegates from 22 African coun-

tries, along with representatives from the World Bank, UNICEF, the World Health Organization and others.

Dr. Robert Cook, a senior medical officer in WHO's family health division, told a recent news conference that the number of women dying in childbirth could be cut in half by the end of the century.

Rate: "People forget that in 1930, the childbirth mortality rate in Europe was 350 in 100,000. The French had this problem, the Scandinavians had this problem. Something can be done," he said.

A woman's pregnancy-related death means more than the loss of one life. Family life declines, communities suffer. The number of orphans increases, and infants who survive a mother's death often die before their first birthday.

For every mother that dies, between one and two children may also die," Dr. Muriel Belsey, WHO's chief of maternal and child health and family planning, said in an interview.

Many specialists on Third World development agree that

women, who work a minimum of 12 to 16 hours a day, hold the key to helping their nations struggle out of poverty.

Women in Africa furnish 80 per cent of what their families eat. In addition to the domestic duties familiar to Western women, they gather firewood, carry water, plant gardens, care for animals and look after children and the elderly.

It is intolerable that thousands of women die alone, in suffering, when they are in the process of giving life, and that we should do so little to help them," Dr. Atiya Imayatulla, a Pakistani official, told a 1987 conference on maternal mortality.

Governments, particularly those in Islamic nations, have opposed contraception. Officials say this attitude is gradually changing as countries face economic pressure to limit population growth.

For instance, a recent law change in Niger eliminated a requirement that women have their husband's written permission to obtain family planning advice.

The conference will discuss how to redirect resources to upgrade basic health and prenatal care. Third World women also need access to emergency facilities such as blood, anaesthesia and medical workers who can perform Caesarean sections.

"You can't save lives just with education," Cook said. "Countries need to work concrete national plans."

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Spread of Islam was the most important factor in the development of a gastronomic tradition

Middle Eastern cooking: unity in diversity

By Claudia Roden

GREAT value is attached to cooking in the Middle East. In that world of strong family ties, large clans and women at home, hospitality and gregariousness are deeply entrenched: offering food is the central act in the highly developed art of pleasing.

The cooking is different in every town, every village and indeed in every family: There are rural foods and urban ones, foods which belong to the desert, others which belong to mountain, the plain or the seacoast, nomadic foods and street foods.

Middle Eastern cooking outside the Middle East shows its own variations, too. But there are nonetheless many general characteristics which all these foods, and all the countries, share.

Sensual

It is a very sensual kind of cooking, using herbs, spices and aromatics generously. Certain methods, like skewer cooking over charcoal or long, slow simmering in unglazed covered pots, are typical of the whole region.

All the countries have rice and wheat dishes, stuffed vegetables pie wrapped in paper-thin pastry, meatballs, thick omelettes, cold vegetables cooked in oil, scented rice puddings, nut-filled pastries, fritters soaked in syrup and many other common elements.

You find raisins with pine nuts everywhere, garnishes of chopped pistachios and almonds, and the same food combinations, such as chick-peas with spinach.

It is a shared history, including that of two great world empires, which has brought unity to the kitchens of the Middle East.

The spread of Islam and the establishment of an enormous Islamic state stretching across Asia, North Africa and the Mediterranean was the most important factor in the development of a gastronomic tradition comparable to that of France and China.

As the state grew, the Arabs brought to each new region their own tastes as well as those of the countries they had already conquered.

Styles of cooking travelled within this vast area with the



Symbols of hospitality: pastries to tempt the palate offered by Lebanese sweetmakers

massive migrations of people; large-scale transport brought into the cities, and even into distant parts of the empire, local produce such as truffles from the desert, olive oil from Syria, dates from Iraq and coffee from Arabia.

Crops such as rice, sugar, eggplants (aubergines) and spinach, originally from outside the state, spread throughout it.

The Abbasid period, from the 8th to the 12th century, when Islam was the most powerful influence in the world and Baghdad was the political and cultural hub of the state, saw great refinements in eating habits.

A prosperous cosmopolitan ruling élite had emerged whose members led a life of luxury. Everyone — poet, astronomer, physician and prince — took an interest in gastronomy and dietetics. Writings on food were abundant and popular.

The taste for spiced foods and sweet things appeared then: Before that, spices had been only merchandise. Aromatics were used in tiny quantities but in great and in a variety of combinations. Cooking was transformed into an art which reached magnificent heights.

The banquets at the courts of

the caliphs of Baghdad were proverbial for their lavishness. A court cuisine had developed which made use of expensive ingredients and elaborate and sophisticated techniques, and in which visual appeal was extremely important.

It amalgamated the peasant dishes of the area and the Bedouin foods of the desert with those of Syria — Damascus had been the capital of the empire before Baghdad — and, especially, of Persia.

The enormous Ottoman Empire, which expanded right into the heart of Europe from the 14th century and into the 20th, produced a new court cuisine in its turn.

The sultans' courts became notorious for their luxury and their devotion to the pleasures of the table.

The imperial kitchens catered for some 4,000 or 5,000 people on the days the Divan (cabinet) met, and for up to 10,000 on special occasions such as the reception of a foreign ambassador.

An army of cooks was required and that, in turn, required codification: Strict rules were adopted so that chefs could more easily train apprentices, and these rules formed the basis of a classic Ottoman cuisine.

In the early days of the Ottomans, all the palace cooks

were slaves who had been captured, bought or given as gifts by Venetian traders. A cooking school was established for their children. The position of cook was important, even glorious, and it meant that, by ingratiating themselves with their noble employers or even the sultan, individual cooks could rise to become part of the ruling class.

Koprulu Mehmet Pasha, the Ottoman Empire's most powerful vizier, began his career as a cook.

The first Turkish-born cooks

employed in Topkapi Palace were recruited as camp cooks in the mountain region of Bolu, in northwestern Anatolia, where the sultans went hunting. It became the tradition that every boy of Bolu left at the age of 13 to work in the palace kitchens or in the houses of the nobles in Istanbul.

The type of cooking that was passed on grew out of an amalgam of traditions borrowed from the empire's conquered territories.

The tastes of Byzantium and of the Arabs predominated, and nomadic Turkish foods combined with Chinese and Mongolian ones passed on through Turkestan.

The result was the sophisticated cuisine that spread from

the Danube to the tip of the Arabian peninsula, from the Balkans to the shores of North Africa and to parts of what is now the USSR — often by means of the battalions of cooks that marched with the Ottoman armies.

The cooking of the Middle East can be broadly divided into four main general styles: Arab, Iranian, North African and Turkish.

Iranian cooking, based on rice, is the most complex and the least known. Arab cooking is highly developed in Syria, where Aleppo is considered the great gastronomic city, and in Lebanon — one of only two Middle Eastern countries to have developed a restaurant tradition. (The other is Turkey). It is Lebanon, with her emigrant cooks and restaurateurs, which has brought the grilled meats and mazah of the Arab restaurant menu to the attention of the world.

The menu evolved 70 years ago in the region of Zahleh, in the open-air cafés, which filled the valley, vied to attract customers with an ever varied selection of appetizers, which were in fact the local village foods.

Moroccan food is the richest and most varied of North Africa, and that which has not been influenced at all by France. It illustrates the kind of kaleidoscopic diversity that exists in the Middle East. The national dish, kusku (couscous), is of Berber origin.

Many other dishes were brought by the Arabs in waves of invasions which started in the seventh century; they have remained almost unchanged since the Middle Ages. Still other dishes have their origin in Spain and bear witness to the long Muslim domination of that country. The food of Marakesh is Berber with an African element, while the bourgeois cooking of Fez, the dominant cuisine, is more Andalusian, as is that of Tetouan. And on the Atlantic side of the country certain strategic locations reveal the menu of meat and appetizers of professional cooks, who still mostly come from the region of Bolu, cook the same dishes in the same way.

Food in the mountain regions is predominantly Berber, while the desert has the usual food of the nomadic Arab tribesmen,



Kebabs in various forms are a popular Middle Eastern dish.

based on dates. There is hardly any Ottoman influence except in Tetouan, where there was an exchange of cooks when the Ottoman Army stopped.

There is great regional diversity in Turkey, but the classic cooking we know abroad belongs to Istanbul. Despite the diversity, restaurants all over modern Turkey offer the same menu of meat and appetizers because professional cooks, who still mostly come from the region of Bolu, cook the same dishes in the same way.

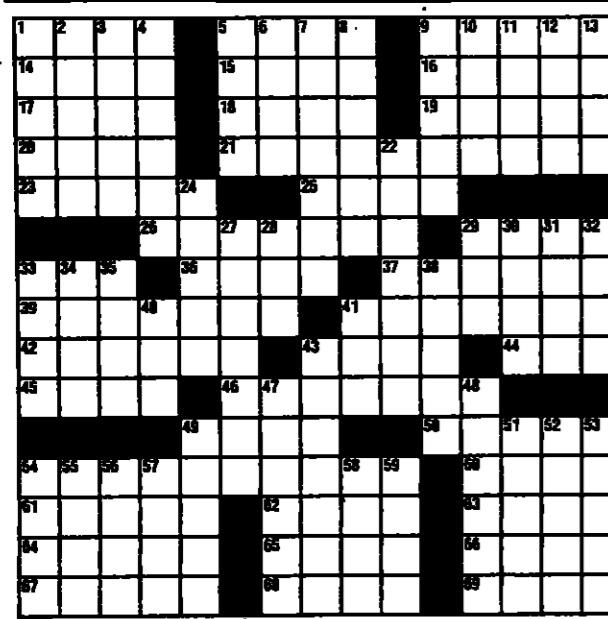
It is called saray (palace) cooking. The food trade is highly

specialised, and its division into guilds is a legacy of the rigid hierarchy and elaborate organisation of the imperial Ottoman kitchens, where butchers, grocers, icemen, collectors of herbs, soup-makers, confectioners and bakers were all organised into separate corps with their own quarters and sometimes even their own mosques.

In another example, while the cooking of Istanbul is like that of Cairo and Jerusalem — they were also major Ottoman centres in their day — it is different from that of other Turkish cities whose imperial role was less important.

All these currents and connections have to do with the centres of power and the network of influence of the historical Middle East. Today, picking up a fork is as much a historical act — and as potentially illuminating — as picking up a spade at a Middle Eastern archaeological site.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



GORÉN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South auction to a phenomenal level. you hold:

♦J10762 ♦K83 ♦A3 ♦762 Your partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond? A.—Whether or not you play four-card majors has no bearing on this problem. You are good enough for only one bid, so choose the one most likely to land you in the right contract. Don't muddy the waters by responding one spade—a raise to two hearts is correct.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦J98 ♦10873 ♦Q654 ♦A9 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East Pass Pass Pass ?

What action do you take? A.—The modern tendency is to treat partner's overcall, especially vulnerable, as if it were an opening bid. Had partner opened the bidding with one spade, you would have raised to two spades, so make the same bid now.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦KJ1072 ♦Void ♦A7 ♦KJ10984 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 ♦ 1 ♦ ?

What do you bid? A.—You probably have a game or slam somewhere, but don't start with a cue-bid of two hearts—that's stealing your own bidding space! Simply bid your longest suit, two clubs. That's forcing. At your next turn, introduce your spades. That way, you can be sure to find a fit, if one exists, without escalating the

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦AKJ10987 ♦K9 ♦6 ♦Q92 The bidding has proceeded: West North East South Pass Pass Pass ?

What is your opening bid?

A.—The fact that no one opened the bidding seems to suggest that the points are pretty evenly distributed around the table. Partner is unlikely to have enough for you to make slam, and with your lack of defense outside spades, it's possible the opponents have a big fit of their own in a side suit. Make it difficult for them to enter the auction by opening four spades. You're much to strong for three spades.

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦J98 ♦10873 ♦Q654 ♦A9 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East Pass 1 ♦ 1 ♦ 1 NT

What action do you take?

A.—The modern tendency is to treat partner's overcall, especially vulnerable, as if it were an opening bid. Had partner opened the bidding with one spade, you would have raised to two spades, so make the same bid now.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦AQ1093 ♦Q107642 ♦Void ♦A7 Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?

A.—The normal procedure is to bid your longer suit first, and there's no reason to depart from standard practice on this hand. Despite the difference in quality between the suits, your correct response is one heart. You are strong enough distributionally to reverse into spades next.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



THE WIZARD OF IB

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF



By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 19)

The more favourable influence of the Sun coupled with that of Venus will help you to achieve some personal success. You will get on better with those in your immediate vicinity. You should take your mind off work for the day.



Cancer (July 22 - Aug 22)

Mars' better influence will help you to feel more in touch with the situation. You will be able to do something more constructive. You should try not to put all your eggs into one basket. Be sympathetic.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

There are some positive factors and they will help you to deal with a somewhat adverse situation. You will be better able to look on the bright side. You should be even more careful than usual when driving. Be abstemious.



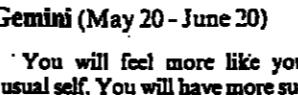
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will not be in the best of moods and should do all you can to stay out of an argument. You should take the best possible care of your health. Try not to make a fool of yourself. Be forgiving.



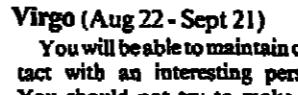
Leo (July 22 - Aug 22)

Others will be more sympathetic towards you. You should not take too much for granted. Avoid trying to do things by force instead use your charm to the full. Be cordial.



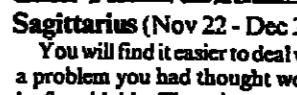
Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will feel more like your usual self. You will have more success than you expected. Try not to get things out of proportion. Be reasonable.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

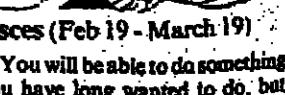
You will be able to maintain contact with an interesting person. You should not try to make out that you are more clever and knowledgeable than you are. Do not think that you have nothing more to learn. Be magnanimous.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will find it easier to deal with a problem you had thought would be formidable. There is no reason why you should not have full confidence in yourself. Make sure you do not do anything that would be damaging to your health.

You will be able to do something you have long wanted to do, but avoid extremes. Think twice and again before you make any changes just now. Do not retire too much into yourself. Be moderate.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be able to do something you have long wanted to do, but avoid extremes. Think twice and again before you make any changes just now. Do not retire too much into yourself. Be moderate.

SNIPPETS

Marcos willing to negotiate

FORMER President Marcos has expressed willingness to negotiate with the government for his return, Justice Secretary Sefrey Ordóñez said recently.

Ordóñez said US Assistant Attorney Charles Labella, one of the prosecutors in the racketeering charges filed against the former strongman in New York City, relayed Marcos' desire in an overseas call.

Ordóñez said Labella dismissed fears of Marcos's death and said the deposed president expected to recover his health in six to ten weeks at St Francis Hospital in Hawaii.

Ordóñez quoted Labella as saying the Marcoses are very interested in bargaining for their return.

"There must be a willingness from Marcos to admit his wrongdoing and willingness to surrender the wealth subject to Philippine claim," Ordóñez said.

Senate President Jovito Salonga had said that Marcos would make it easier for the government to allow him to return if he says sorry for looting the country's economy and returns the money allegedly stolen.

New rules for importing old cars

STARTING this year, returning Filipinos who have resided abroad for at least a year may bring in their old cars under a new tax scheme which reduces import duties on such vehicles by as much as 50 percent.

In a recent memorandum by Customs Commissioner Salvador Mison, straightline method has been adopted in computing the depreciation of vehicles such that a 10 per cent exemption is granted for every year of depreciation.

Vehicles more than five years old are likewise given 50 per cent exemption on all taxes and duties normally imposed on imported cars.

Covered by the order are returning residents and immigrants who have continuously resided abroad for at least one year.

Also entitled under the new scheme are executives of regional offices and others authorized by special provisions of laws, treaties and agreements.

Increase in government unions

THE number of government workers who have joined unions has increased to 100,000 since 1986 when the Philippine Constitution first allowed them to form such organizations in the public sector.

A report of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) said there is also an upward trend in the number of government unions as well as labour complaints from these groups.

As this developed, the militant Kilusang Mayo Uno assailed a consolidated bill on labour set to be signed by President Aquino next week which contains broad revisions on the Philippine Labour Code.

A statement from the KMU branded the bill, principally authored by Sen. Ernesto Herrera, as anti-labour.

Warning on POEA imposta

THE Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has warned licensed recruitment agencies not to deal with POEA imposters.

Anti-illegal recruitment chief lawyer Ronnie Redilla issued the warning after receiving reports of persons collecting money from several recruitment agencies and dropping the names of POEA administrator Thomas Achacoso, licensing regulation chief Estelita Espiritu and his name.

Redilla said Edilberto Cojuangco Orcaya has been introducing himself as Jess Siddayao, Crescenciano Iddayao and Manuel Imson, POEA deputy administrators.

Pay hikes for teachers

SEN. Teofisto Guingona disclosed recently that public school teachers will get an increase of P490 in their basic salary in June, as he revealed the guidelines on remedial legislation on loans for teachers and the service fees collected from them.

In a press conference at the Senate, Guingona said the teachers will be largely benefitted by the remedial legislation since they will continue to avail themselves of loans, insurance coverages and a Provident Fund for contingencies.

Flurry of talks on aid, new IMF loan

By Jeremy Clift

MANILA. (Reuter): The Philippines is launching negotiations for a new deal with the International Monetary Fund and a multi-billion dollar aid plan to underpin its economic recovery.

The United States and Japan have sent their aid chiefs to Manila to discuss the proposed aid initiative, to be followed by World Bank president Barber Conable, who will visit in mid-February.

Proposals

Besides the aid plan, Finance Minister Vicente Jayme says a new deal with the IMF is crucial for the economic future of the heavily-indebted Pacific nation of 60 million people.

At issue is the extent to which Manila will agree to IMF demands to put its books in order by curbing public spending and allowing a depreciation of the Philippine currency in

Philippines burdened with \$23 billion debt

return for an IMF package of \$1.3 billion.

Some ministers, especially National Planning Secretary Solita Monsod, say the IMF proposals would lead to lower economic growth and undermine the government's drive to curb poverty and create new jobs.

President Corazon Aquino has stated Manila is not ready to compromise on growth and wants more lenient terms from the IMF.

She told Jayme, who resumed negotiations with the IMF last Monday, "to again make clear to our creditors that we need very much to maintain our economic growth and we can only do this if we are given better terms."

The IMF's seal of approval is essential for the success of a series of other negotiations on the proposed multilateral aid plan for the Philippines, new loans from commercial banks and the rescheduling of \$2.4

billion of official debt.

The US originally proposed a five-year aid package of up to \$10 billion for the Philippines to back Aquino's government and help rebuild the economy after a slump in the final years under former President Ferdinand and Marcos.

Aid

Officials from donor countries like Japan, Western Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, now say aid is more likely to touch the five billion dollar mark.

Aquino, anxious to dispel donor charges that Manila is slow in using aid and has up to two billion dollars in the pipeline, has beefed up implementation of assistance projects and appointed a prominent industrialist to head a council to co-ordinate the aid programme.

The US has indirectly linked its aid initiative with negotiations on the future of Clark Air Base and Subic Bay naval

facilities. The US wants to extend its lease on the two important military bases after 1991, but Aquino is keeping her options open.

The Philippines is burdened with debts of \$23 billion. With renewed business confidence under Aquino, the economy has bounced back, posting a growth rate of 6.7 per cent last year.

Aquino says she needs extra help from abroad to maintain the momentum.

The IMF, more worried about ensuring that spending does not get too ambitious, is seeking a reduced budget deficit, higher foreign exchange reserves, a depreciation of the peso, increased taxes, and further trade liberalisation. Philippine officials said.

The negotiations could be rocky.

The two sides broke off talks last November because they could not agree on policy changes.

By Melchor P. Aquino

OF ALL the dominant personalities on the national scene today, nobody is more steeped in the philosophy and science of social service than Foreign Secretary Raul S. Manglapus. His concept of "development diplomacy," viewed from the perspective of the workaday world, appears as a facet of his social orientation.

In the Manglapus scheme of development diplomacy, a salient feature is an international labour programme, designed to seize opportunities for Philippine labour in the world manpower market and to guard the rights and promote the welfare of overseas workers.

Foreign Secretary Manglapus has wisely placed such programme under the charge of Assistant Secretary for International Labour Affairs Israel Bocobo, seasoned labour leader and top labour lawyer.

Concern

Labour affairs are, to be sure, a new discipline in the Philippine foreign service. It has heretofore been the virtual exclusive concern of other government agencies like the Department of Labour and the POEA.

Over almost two decades, the deployment of Filipino manpower abroad has been nothing short of spectacular.

Easily outnumbering other Filipino nationals in foreign lands by nine to one, Filipino overseas workers are, quite logically and properly, a major concern of Philippine consular and diplomatic establishments abroad.

With their bountiful dollar earnings, the overseas workers have made a singularly significant contribution to the makings of national economic recovery. Thus, they have been hailed as the "new heroes" by President Aquino.

Tales of woe have paralleled

Overseas workers: a new discipline for the foreign service

success stories in the overseas labour market. Illegal workers outnumber legal workers by an astounding ratio of seven to one.

This is the single biggest factor in the overall problem of migrant workers. Then, too, instances of contractual violations, discriminatory and oppressive management practices, and "cultural shock" have attended the lives of significant numbers of Filipino workers in foreign countries.

In all these instances, alert attention, abiding concern, prudent intercession, and skilful diplomacy are demanded of the Philippine foreign service.

Assistant Secretary Bocobo brings to the administration of Manglapus programme for overseas workers a wealth of firsthand experience in the adjustment of labour-management problems.

For thirty years, he did yeoman's service in the Philippine trade union movement as union administrator and negotiator; national secretary and later national president of PAFLU, the dominant labour federation of the time; and uninterrupted PAFLU chief counsel.

Foundations

Bocobo was, by the way, undersecretary of labour when the foundations for the overseas labour programme were laid.

It is noteworthy that Bocobo is an ILO-appointed "Labour Administration Expert" and served for two decades as the representative of the labour movement on the Social Security Commission.

Far from sharing the view held in some quarters that the demand abroad for Filipino workers is a "passing phenomenon," Bocobo sees increasingly bright prospects in the world manpower market.

He says, "Several factors ensure a continued, steady demand. Among these are dramatic advances in technology in communication and transportation; the progressive conversion of the world into a global village; the lifting of barriers between nations; free ingress and egress in different parts of the world; and the need and reality of technology transfer."

Argues

The assistant secretary argues that the constitutional duty of the government to extend protection to overseas workers is beyond argument and civil, and that such duty is best discharged through the country's diplomatic and consular establishments abroad.

Efforts in this regard, he stresses, have to be co-ordinated with those of the Department of Labour and related agencies.

It is to be hoped that the Manglapus programme for overseas workers, which bears the imprimatur of the Aquino administration, may consistently be back-stopped by appropriate legislation.

The programme calls for an optimum display of social conscience of the part of the policymakers of the present dispensation. Overseas workers are, in effect, clearing a new Philipine frontier.

Raw deal for US-bound nurses

REPORTS said that mounting cases of Filipino nurses who arrived at US hospitals have found that they have first to take care of themselves because of the miserable conditions that await them in their working places.

Although Filipino nurses will continue to be in demand in the US for the next five years, a study must be done to avoid letdowns among the nurses. This was suggested by Erosy C. Fortich who heads the Gulf Pacific Services and Trading Corp., a recruitment agency for nurses for the US.

Unscrupulous recruiters and newspapers ads tend to mislead

the nurse applicants, Fortich said.

Gulf Pacific Services makes it a point to put its roster only US hospitals with good records, Fortich added.

According to Fortich, the Atlantic Medical Centre in the US is one hospital that boasts of a full range of medical needs with state-of-the-art excellence. The 615-bed voluntary, non-profit, acute-care, multi-site hospital continuously introduces educational programmes. The employment-bonus-alone-of \$1,000 will be paid upon signing of pre-employment agreement, Fortich said. (Chito Farazó)

Psychic scares bureaucrat into action

SEBU CITY: Apparently worried by a prediction made by a local psychic that a 10 to 11 storey building will collapse this year due to weak foundation, the city's Office of Building Official (OBO) immediately conducted an inspection of all existing buildings in the city with five to eleven floors two days after the prediction was published in the Sunday Pages supplement of *The Freeman*, a local daily here, on last Jan 1.

Expressing alarm over the prediction made by Lorna "Baby" Seno Gio, a housewife who read cards for fun, acting city building official Suzanne Bernardo told a reporter of the same daily which published the prediction that the inspection she ordered will cover new and old buildings in the city, including those under construction.

Although her move was based on the prediction, Bernardo said it was better to prevent such an incident.

Nevertheless, Bernardo assumed that all existing buildings in the city are "safe" as long as construction of building complied with the approved structural plans. Such plans are approved by the OBO.

Talent

Tessie started as a radio talent at the early age of nine. However, she never expected a showbiz career for herself even after she finished her mass communications course at the University of the Philippines.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

French minister denies insider trading in Pechiney affair

PARIS, Feb 4. (Reuters): A French financier with close ties to the ruling Socialist Party has denied that he was guilty of insider share-dealing allegations in a scandal that has rattled the government, an interview published today said.

Max Thoret's CPP Investment Company was criticised by an official investigation into last November's acquisition of the US-based packaging company Triangle Industries by the French state-owned aluminium giant, Pechiney.

The Paris bourse watchdog Cob said in its report last Tuesday that CPP transactions in Triangle stock just before the \$1.26-billion takeover were "highly suspect." A state magistrate has opened a criminal investigation into the affair.

Thoret told the daily *Le Monde* that business acumen, not inside information, led him to invest in Triangle.

But he said the chief Cob investigator who questioned him had clearly made up his mind in advance.

Guilty

"For him I was guilty, I was guilty of insider trading. He did not believe one could simply catch on to something."

There, 76, and with a history of heart trouble, was taken to hospital in Paris this week at the height of the scandal.

He said any inconsistencies in his evidence to the Cob were due to the fact he had just left hospital after an operation.

Mitterrand and his ministers have promised there will be no cover-up of either the Pechiney takeover or a row over stake-building in the Societe Generale bank by government supporters and publicly owned corporations.

The rightwing opposition has seized on both affairs as proof that prominent socialists are profiting from close links between government and state-owned enterprises.

Thoret said he contributed money to the Socialist Party at elections and during fund-raising drives. "But it cannot be said that I am the party's financier."

Mideast top sales executive

PRADEEP Survana, British Airways executive in Dubai, has been named top sales executive for 1988 by British Airways in the Middle East.

He received his award certificate at the airline's recent regional meeting held in Dubai. Pradeep was nominated by his sales manager, John Ganner, for his ability to attract commercial traffic from all segments of the community and for his unfailing enthusiasm and commitment.

Award

Ganner said: "It was especially pleasing to see this award come to a member of the Dubai sales team. We face strong competition here in Dubai but our results recently have shown that we are offering the kind of service that brings our customers back. Pradeep has certainly played his part in getting this message across."

Rafsanjani declares decade of economic construction

NICOSIA, Feb 4. (Reuters): Iran should focus on economic development and independence in the next 10 years of its Islamic revolution, parliamentary speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said today.

"The road to the salvation of the country ... is to have 'more production for economic independence' as our slogan in the second decade of the revolution," the Iranian news agency IRNA quoted him as saying.

Established

Iran is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the revolution which toppled the monarchy and established an Islamic republic led by Ayatollah Khomeini.

Rafsanjani, speaking at Tehran's mass Friday prayer meeting, said the war with Iraq and other 'enemy plots' had blunted economic growth in the first 10 years.

But the resulting hardships had consolidated the revolution, he said, and now it was necessary to move to a new phase.

"God willing, we hope to go through the period of reconstruction with patience, understanding of where we are, greater efforts, co-operation, friendship and unity," IPNA, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Rafsanjani as saying.

Policies to clamp down on inflation paying off

G-7 agrees to steer steady course for dollar

WASHINGTON, Feb 4. (Reuters): The West's financial leaders papered over cracks in economic policy co-ordination during two days of low-key talks but Europe and Japan left President George Bush with a clear message to cut the US budget deficit.

The Group of Seven major industrial nations, anxious not to stall strong world growth, agreed to steer a steady course for the dollar while working behind the scenes on new ways to fight the \$1.3 trillion Third World debt crisis.

The United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Canada and Italy ended their talks on Friday with an upbeat assessment of the world economy and said their policies to clamp down on inflation were paying off.

"This is not a perfect world," British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said after about 12 hours of talks that

began with a working dinner on Thursday evening. "But on the whole we are reasonably satisfied."

Finance ministers and central bank chiefs, invited to Washington by Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, failed to resolve all their underlying policy differences but also pointedly refrained from airing them in public.

By breaking with tradition and not issuing a final communiqué, the Group of Seven also took a calculated gamble that their briefings to journalists on Friday would convince financial markets of their commitment to keep the dollar steady.

Emphasis

The picture that emerged showed the world's seven richest economies closing ranks on a wide range of issues although differences of emphasis look set to surface in coming months.

Brady stressed his commitment to slashing the US budget deficit to \$100 billion in the next fiscal year from a projected \$161.5 billion this year. Europe and Japan came away reassured that it was the Bush administration's priority.

But both France and West Germany made it clear they considered the United States had put too much emphasis on monetary policy in the past and that budget cuts would be the best way to allow US and world interest rates to fall.

Finance ministers in their briefings stressed the importance of continued co-ordination on currencies and said their attempts to keep rates steady since their "Louvre accord" at a Paris meeting in February 1987 had been largely successful.

But West Germany said that a dollar advance to 1.90 marks, just two pfennigs above Friday's New York close, would raise questions about the Group of Seven's strategy of redressing global trade imbalances via

exchange rate policies.

Japanese officials were more blunt. They said they could live with current rates but would not tolerate a higher dollar.

A Bush administration official said later the United States and its allies would continue to intervene to stop the dollar from rising above target ranges agreed by the seven.

Voice

But it is evident that 1.88 marks is too high for Bonn's liking and 1.90 tested in recent days, too high for Tokyo.

Evolving a new debt strategy also appears to be a hard task for the Group of Seven, despite consensus that the current policy, pioneered in 1985 by then Treasury Secretary James Baker, must be refined and expanded.

Latin American leaders added their voice to the argument on Friday, endorsing an accord by their finance ministers to push for a reduction in the region's \$420 billion debt burden.

Group of Seven officials will be studying new options behind scenes, but it remains unclear whether major industrial nations will accept schemes that sanction transferring risks from the private sector to the taxpayer.

One scheme being floated, whereby the World Bank would guarantee loan payments to commercial banks, smacks of just that and raises serious questions of whether the bank or the International Monetary Fund should play the lead role in tackling the debt crisis.

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Government will continue to guarantee the safety of insured deposits

Bush seeks solution to savings and loans crisis

WASHINGTON, Feb 4. (AP): President George Bush said yesterday that any plan to rescue the troubled savings and loan industry "will not be popular" but he pledged that the government will continue to guarantee the safety of insured deposits.

Bush met at the White House with congressional leaders to seek ideas on how to resolve the crisis of failing savings and loans. A bailout may cost the public more than \$100 billion.

The nation's 3,000 savings and loans institutions, also known as thrifts, make personal and mortgage loans. The 13,000 US commercial banks make business loans. Hundreds of the savings and loans are in financial difficulties.

Thrift losses have been building for a decade because of a combination of economic turmoil, uneven deregulation, sloppy government supervision

and sometimes poor or fraudulent management.

"We've got a big problem in the savings and loan industry," Bush told the lawmakers. "There are no easy answers, no worrying about blame — plenty to go around. I want to see the problem solved."

House Speaker Jim Wright and Senate majority leader George Mitchell, both opposition Democrats, pledged cooperation.

Worried

After the meeting, Sen. Jake Garn of Utah, senior Republican on the Senate Banking Committee, said an idea floated by the administration last week for a fee on savings deposits "is not a live option" even though the White House has not disavowed it yet.

Sen. Donald Riegle, chairman of the Banking Committee, said Bush did not give a clue about

what he would propose.

Bush said he will meet today with Treasury Department officials to hear their final recommendations and then early next week reveal the course he will take.

The administration is worried

that advertisements from commercial banks in three states questioning the safety of savings and loan accounts may needlessly scare depositors who are already worried.

White House Chief of Staff John Sununu, who was present at yesterday's meeting, criticised the ads Thursday at a private, hour-long meeting of Bush and five savings and loans and bank trade associations, said Frederick Webber, president of the US League of Savings Institutions.

At yesterday's meeting, Bush did not mention the ads but said, "there should be no feeling around the country that some solution will do anything to diminish the credit to the United States being behind the deposits."

The Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation insures deposits at S and Ls while the

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insures those at commercial banks.

Sununu's anger over the advertisements underscores the administration's concern that the debate in Washington over how to pay for the S and L crisis has unnerved some thrift depositors.

Last week, regional federal home loan banks reported higher-than-expected S and L withdrawals after Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and other administration officials discussed a suggestion that depositors pay a fee to raise money for the S and L bailout.

Charles O. Bowsher, head of the General Accounting Office, urged the government to take prompt control of the 350 remaining insolvent, but still open, S and Ls after agreement is reached later this year, on a bailout and reform package.

Time right for summit'

Perez urges OPEC-non-OPEC co-operation

CARACAS, Feb 4. (Reuters): Venezuela's economic prospects have improved with the recent recovery in world crude prices but OPEC and non-OPEC producers must co-operate to stabilise markets, the country's new president said yesterday.

"We now have a more promising outlook than in the past but we must be vigilant," President Carlos Andres Perez told 24 heads of state or government and hundreds of other dignitaries in Caracas for his inauguration.

Instrument

"The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries is the best instrument to defend the price of our oil," he added, saying that producers must ensure fair prices.

The effort to stabilise the oil market is a responsibility that OPEC countries and independent oil exporters must share," Perez told the gathering, which also included five OPEC oil ministers and Subroto, the group's

secretary-general.

Perez has pushed for a summit of OPEC heads of state to strengthen unity and boost prices. As Venezuelan president from 1974-79, he attended the last summit in Algiers in 1975.

He said that on recent tours of African and Gulf OPEC countries he had seen at "the highest level a sense of understanding and unity, along with receptivity to the idea of holding, at a convenient date, a (summit) meeting."

Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul-Rahim Al Chalabi said on Sunday President Saddam Hussein had suggested holding a summit in the second half of 1989. Subroto said on Tuesday eight key OPEC ministers would start preparing for one in late March.

Propitious

An OPEC ministerial conference in early June should decide whether to hold a summit, and select a date and venue,

Subroto said.

"... A meeting of OPEC leaders is considered propitious to approve the strategy which will guide (OPEC) in the 1990s," Perez told the gathering, attended by the oil ministers of Algeria, Ecuador, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

Meanwhile, Venezuela's new energy and mines minister says Venezuela has acquired sufficient refining capacity abroad within its current OPEC production quota.

Celstino Armas said yesterday that Venezuela can refine up to 600,000 barrels per day in refineries abroad that it partly owns, and called this "a sufficient amount for the current production quota Venezuela is assigned by OPEC," according to the state news agency Venpres.

Venezuela's quota for the first half of this year is 1.6 million barrels per day.

Instead, Venezuela will seek to attract foreign investments in oil,

he said.

"Any joint venture of this kind within the country must be with firms that will guarantee US foreign markets," he said.

Petroleos de Venezuela S.A., the state oil company, had wanted to acquire foreign refining capacity of around 700,000 barrels per day.

Ventures

It has joint ventures in West Germany with Veba Oel, in the United States with Chapin Refining Company and Cito Petroleum Company and in Sweden with Nynas Petroleum Company. It also leases a refinery in Curacao.

It recently signed a letter of intent to acquire assets in the Midwestern United States from Unocal, in particular a refinery outside Chicago. Armas did not comment on the Unocal deal.

He said Venezuela will sign an energy co-operation today with Ecuador, which also belongs to OPEC.

Yeutter emphasises farm exports

WASHINGTON, Feb 4. (Reuters): Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter emphasised farm exports and promised to maintain a tough American trade stance at Senate Agriculture Committee confirmation hearings yesterday.

"We have to build and vigorously sustain market share internationally," Yeutter said at the hearing, echoing comments by US Trade Representative Carla Hills that the Bush administration will pursue an aggressive trade stance.

"If we really want to achieve trade reform, the United States has to provide the leadership and the United States has to provide the pressure," he said.

The committee is expected to confirm Yeutter's nomination easily in a vote early next week. Final Senate approval for Yeutter, who served as US trade representative under Reagan, could come later in the week.

"I think President Bush has done us a good service in picking you to be secretary," committee chairman Patrick Leahy, a Vermont Democrat, told Yeutter as the hearings ended.

Yeutter said he favours continuing use of export subsidies as leverage in seeking international trade reform, and that such reform is possible in negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

"There is plenty of tough sledding ahead but the effort is worth our best shot and we intend to give it our best shot," Yeutter said.

World Business Summary

Mosbacher sworn in as US commerce secretary

WASHINGTON, Feb 4, (AP): Texas oilman Robert Mosbacher was sworn in as secretary of commerce yesterday, pledging to help US businesses compete in the world and to clean up polluted waters and shorelines at home. Mosbacher said he would promote economic growth and competitiveness by "expanding overseas markets with US goods and services while ensuring fair competition through effective enforcement of our trade laws."

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American Airlines to order \$7 billion of new jets

NEW YORK, Feb 4, (Reuters): American Airlines Inc., the largest US carrier, is expected to order up to 160 McDonnell Douglas Corp. Jetrains worth over \$7 billion as part of an aggressive expansion plan, airline officials and analysts said yesterday.

The Fort Worth, Texas-based carrier will announce the order for 60 MD-11 long-range aircraft and up to 100 MD-80 medium-range planes at a news conference set for Tuesday, the sources said. It would be the second largest jet aircraft order in history. An American spokesman confirmed a news conference will be held on Tuesday but declined to say what it was about.

McDonnell Douglas spokesman refused to comment. American's stock on the New York Stock Exchange rose \$2.12 to close at \$61.75. Analysts said American plans to use the three-engine MD-11s, which seat 325 to 400 passengers and can fly up to 8,000 miles, to replace its older DC-10s, which carry 2

Share prices turn mixed as overall performance seen weak

THE Alshali Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 39.17 points with a decrease of 0.87 points of 2.17 per cent from last week's average.

The Alshali Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 73.02 points with a decrease of 1.89 points 2.52 per cent for the same period, according to Alshali Economic Consultants.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 20.84 million shares at a daily average of 4.00 million shares with a decrease of 0.5 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 4.02 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 13.26 million shares at a daily average of 2.65 million shares with an increase of 1.37 per cent over last week's daily average of 1.12 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD8.78 million at a daily average of KD2.755 million, an increase of 14 per cent over last week's daily average of KD1.545 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.710 million at a daily average of KD1.142 million, an increase of 125 per cent over last week's daily average of KD0.071 million.

The market showed signs of mixed activity. Positive for the traded quantity in the non-Kuwaiti share market and for the value of traded shares in both markets but more pronounced in the non-Kuwaiti market, and negative for share prices as these reached a level lower than before the Iran-Iraq ceasefire decision.

However, overall performance was weak as a result of the increase in local interest rates together with the increase in international share prices and investment alternatives in addition to the lower risk in international exchange rates against the Kuwaiti dinar.

Companies that bought a maximum of 10 per cent of their own shares at the end of last year, seem to be facing financial difficulties which are reflected in companies' inability to distribute cash dividends and are turning, as an alternative, to distributing dividends that are part in cash and the rest in stocks.

The table shows a comparison between 1988 and 1987 distributed dividends of companies that have already declared their financial positions.

From a total of nine companies listed in the Kuwaiti market, that have declared their dividend distribution for 1988, five companies have distributed stock dividends against only two companies for 1987.

The consequences of this kind of dividend distribution affects the companies in many respects.

First, the companies might face a greater burden at the time of next dividend distribution. Second, as a result of the actual stock dividends distribution, the market will be flooded again with companies shares, which produce an opposite result to the purchase of their own shares in order to decrease market supply.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector had the lead at 81 per cent of total trading against 51.5 per cent last week.

Kuwait Finance House had the lead at 27 per cent of total trading followed by the National Bank of Kuwait at 19 per cent and the Commercial Bank at 15 per cent. The Services Sector came second at 8 per cent in which Kuwait Commercial Markets led at 59 per cent, followed by Mobile Telephone Systems at 24 per cent and Kuwait Computer Company at 11 per cent.

The Investment sector came third at 5 per cent, of which National Investments led at 37 per cent, followed by Kuwait Investment Projects at 33 per cent and Investment Pearl Kuwait at 30 per cent.

For the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain International Bank led at 33 per cent followed by Umm Al Quain Cement Company at 30 per cent, and Arabian General Investments at 11 per cent.

Kuwait shareholding companies index
Wednesday Wednesday Change
01/02/89 25/01/89 points

Banking Sector	103.54	110.59	+7.05	3.04
The National Bank	103.54	110.59	+7.05	3.04
The Commercial Bank	103.52	110.59	+7.07	3.04
Al Ahli Bank	31.72	33.16	-1.44	
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	32.89	34.20	-1.32	
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	30.95	30.95	-	

—Base Period 31/12/1983.

—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

Burgan Bank	26.26	26.26	—
Kuwait Finance House	75.59	78.61	-3.02
Sector Index	45.47	46.76	-1.29
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	25.71	25.71	—
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	17.53	17.53	—
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	71.43	75.40	-3.97
IFA	70.59	70.59	—
Commercial Facilities	120.00	120.00	—
National Investments	69.61	69.61	—
Kuwait Investment Proj.	93.26	97.75	-4.49
Sector Index	40.93	41.28	-0.32
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	39.14	38.05	1.09
Gulf Insurance Co.	27.69	27.69	—
Al Ahlia Insurance Co.	51.28	51.28	—
Warba Insurance Co.	68.73	68.73	—
Sector Index	39.70	39.13	0.57
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	22.43	22.43	—
United Realty	7.15	8.15	-1.01
National Real Estate	38.22	38.22	—
Sector Index	18.17	16.74	-0.57
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	12.27	12.27	—
Refrigeration Indust.	88.94	88.94	—
Gulf Cables	114.16	114.16	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	84.44	84.44	—
Sector Index	32.00	32.00	—
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	166.32	168.48	-2.16
Kuwait Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Public Warehousing Co.	58.59	66.67	-8.08
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	33.96	34.95	-1.00
Mobile Telephone Syst.	280.96	290.48	-9.52
Sector Index	52.21	55.00	-2.79
Overall index	39.17	40.40	-0.87

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies Index			
Wednesday	Wednesday	Change	
01/02/89	25/01/89	points	
First Gulf Bank	144.74	163.16	-18.42
Bahrain Internat. Bank	96.55	95.55	—
Bahrain M. East Bank	98.71	100.61	-1.90
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	84.76	89.52	-4.76
Arabian Gen. Inv. (Shuaa)	51.52	53.03	1.52
Umm Al Quain Cement	17.62	16.87	0.75
Gulf Medical Projects	21.46	20.83	0.63
Total Index	73.20	75.09	-1.89

A comparison of dividends for listed companies 1988 against 1987			
The company name	For the year ended 31-12-1987	For the year ended 31-12-1988	Change
Kuwaiti companies			
The National Bank	22	10	22
Kuwait Real Estate Bank	12	—	6
Kuwait Insurance Co.	25	—	20
Gulf Cables	60	—	25
National Industries	20	—	15
Refrigeration Industries	10	—	15
Kuwait Metal Systems	20	—	12
Mobile Telephone Systems	20	—	15
Kuwait Computer Co.	7.5	—	7.5
Non-Kuwaiti Companies			
Bahrain International Bank	—	7	—

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IAIGC makes notable progress in its operations

KUWAIT, Feb 4, (KUNA): The supervisory committee of the Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation (IAIGC) held its first meeting for this year here today to look into the director-general's report on its activities last year.

An official source in the IAIGC said that the committee also reviewed the follow-up report on system of guaranteeing export credits and agenda of the corporation council's 16th session.

The committee, formed by the council to supervise IAIGC's activities and advise the director-general on those issues, has expressed satisfaction over achieved results.

Progress

The source said committee chairman Fahd Al Ibrahim affirmed that 1988 witnessed a notable progress in the guarantee operations with the value of contracts increasing to \$239 million from \$157 million.

The export credit system had shared in boosting inter-Arab trade exchange, the source quoted Al Ibrahim as saying and noting that value of inter-Arab trade within this system, since its application, had reached \$42 million in 1986, \$154 million in 1987 and \$206 million in 1988.

The corporation was established in 1975 by the Arab countries to encourage investments in the Arab nation through providing guarantees to Arab investments against non-commercial hazards in addition to promoting trade transactions among the Arab states through providing guarantees to export credit against commercial and non-commercial hazards.

Brazilian inflation rises to 70pc

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb 4, (AP): Inflation rose to a record 70.28 per cent in seven weeks prior to the decree of emergency anti-inflation measures, the government has announced.

The cost of living in the past 12 months rose 1,410.64 per cent, also a record, the government said yesterday. Inflation in 1988 was 93 per cent.

The consumer price index was compiled by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics, whose figures are accepted as official by the government.

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SPORTS

AUSTRALIA SCORE 515 IN FINAL TEST

Jones blasts West Indies for 216

ADELAIDE, Australia, Feb 4. (Reuter): Dean Jones, with a masterly 216, and number 10 Merv Hughes who hit a swash-buckling 72 not out, scored their highest first class scores to put Australia in control of the fifth and final Test today.

The pair's record ninth wicket partnership for Australia against West Indies of 114 helped the home side reach 515 in their first innings.

At stumps West Indies were 74 for one, scored at over a run a minute on a docile batting wicket.

Jones, 131 not out overnight, continued where he left off yesterday, frustrating the West Indies pace attack with cheeky singles and powerfully-struck boundaries.

Tactics

He never gave a clear chance and was helped by strange tactics from West Indies' captain Viv Richards and a stream of no-balls from the four-pronged pace attack. Over 50 no-balls were called, 40 of which were not scored off.

Richards applied no pressure on Jones, allowing him easy runs while concentrating on the lower order batsmen, a tactic which failed completely when Hughes came to the wicket.

Jones' innings, which included 16 fours, eclipsed his 210 not out in Madras in September 1986 in



Jones: gets his highest score

the tied first Test against India. It was also the highest innings by an Australian against West Indies in Adelaide.

After Australia, resuming at

May helped put on 50 for the eighth wicket before giving Curtly Ambrose his third wicket, caught by Richie Richardson at second slip for 24.

Jones was joined at the wicket by Hughes who combined courage, luck and fine judgement to put Australia out of danger of defeat.

Hughes, his country's latest cricket folk hero, was repeatedly hit on the body and head. He took the punishment without complaint, answering the onslaught with six fours in his 142-minute stay at the crease.

Jones reached his double century in the last over before tea, hitting Courtney Walsh for three. But he was upstaged by Hughes who hit the last ball before the interval for six over midwicket.

Jones' 538-minute stay came to a disappointing end when he was run out by Desmond Haynes. Haynes hit the stumps directly from mid-wicket as Jones did not bother to ground his bat.

Hughes, whose previous highest score in Tests was 21, added another 18 with Michael Wayne before the number 11 gave Patrick Patterson his first wicket in 31 overs of trying.

Ambrose finished with three for 93 and Walsh three for 120.

Gordon Greenidge was dismissed for 12 by left-arm Mike Whitney, when he played on with

the score on 19. But Haynes, 22 not out at the close, and Richardson, 39, showed West Indies should make the most of the batting conditions.

Richardson looked in superb touch, hitting seven fours in 55 minutes at the crease.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA (283 for three overs)	
G. Marsh c Dujon b Ambrose	21
M. Taylor run out	3
D. Boon c Richardson b Ambrose	34
D. Jones run out	216
A. Border b Marshall	64
S. Waugh c Dujon b Walsh	12
I. Healy b Walsh	0
T. Holmes c Hooper b Walsh	9
T. May c Richardson b Ambrose	24
M. Hughes not out	72
M. Whitney c Dujon b Patterson	72
Extras (B-18 ab-40)	58
Total	283

Fall of wicket: 1-72-64 3-75 4-289 5-311 6-311 7-333 8-383 9-497.

Bowling: Marshall 23-3-67-1

(12ab), Ambrose 26-4-93-3 (12ab), Walsh 33-5-120-3 (1nb), Hooper 3-0

14-0, Richardson 25-1-73-0.

WEST INDIES

G. Greenidge b Whitney	12
D. Haynes not out	22
R. Richardson not out	39
Extras (B-1)	1
Total (for one wicket)	74

Fall of wicket: 1-19

To bat: C. Hooper, V. Richards, G. Logie, J. Dejon, M. Marshall, C. Ambrose, C. Walsh, P. Patterson.

Bowling: Hughes 7-0-37-0, Whitney 5-2-26-1, May 3-2-6-0, Waugh J-0-4-0.



Apprentice jockey Nate Hubbard manages to hang on to Sweetwater Oak in a race at Golden Gate Fields, Albany, California, on Friday. Hubbard hung up around the neck of his mount when the horse slipped, but still finished second. (Reuter wirephoto)

Hearns still haunted by 1981 Leonard fight

LAS VEGAS, Feb 4. (Reuter):

Time may heal the wounds of most people but after more than seven years Thomas Hearns is still hurting.

Hearns has been haunted by his 1981 loss to Sugar Ray Leonard and was nearly obsessed with getting a rematch against Leonard, one of only three men to beat him.

He finally got his wish when Leonard agreed recently to fight him here in June for a world super middleweight title.

Version

It has not been announced whether they will fight for Leonard's World Boxing Council (WBC) super middleweight title or Hearns' World Boxing Organisation (WBO) version of the new weight class.

Hearns, 46-3, is almost equally determined to gain rematches against Marvelous Marvin Hagler and Iran Barkley, the only other men to have beaten him.

"When I'm successful against Ray Leonard then I'll go for Marvin Hagler," Hearns said yesterday at a news conference.

He said he also wants to fight Barkley, who knocked him out over the Phoenix Suns.

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Lyle and Calcavecchia share lead

LOS ANGELES, Feb 4, (AP):

Sandy Lyle of Scotland shot a 5-under-par 66 yesterday and took a share of the second-round lead before rain caused an overnight suspension of play in the \$1 million Los Angeles Open.

"My kind of weather," said Lyle, the Masters title, who played in weather conditions more typical of his native Scotland than Southern California — drizzle and temperatures in the 40s F (below 10 C).

The morning drizzle gave way to steady afternoon showers that flooded some greens on the Riviera Country Club course and forced officials to suspend play in early afternoon.

About half the field had completed play at that point. Lyle and Mark Calcavecchia were tied for the lead at 134, eight under par.

Completed The weather "didn't bother me a bit. It was very playable," said Calcavecchia, who completed a bogey-free 66 before play was delayed.

Veteran Hale Irwin, Mike Reid, Tom Purtzer and all at 137, shared third place among those who completed play. They were three back of the early co-leaders:

Irwin, still bothered by a lingering headache from being hit in the head by a shot during Wednesday's Pro-am, had a 67.

Purtzer shot 66. Reid had a 69 and Sauer shot 70, one under par.

Mark Brooks and Steve Pate, who shared the first-round lead with Sauer at 66, were among the group stranded on the course.

Pate took two more strokes off par and was six under for the tournament through eight holes of the second round.

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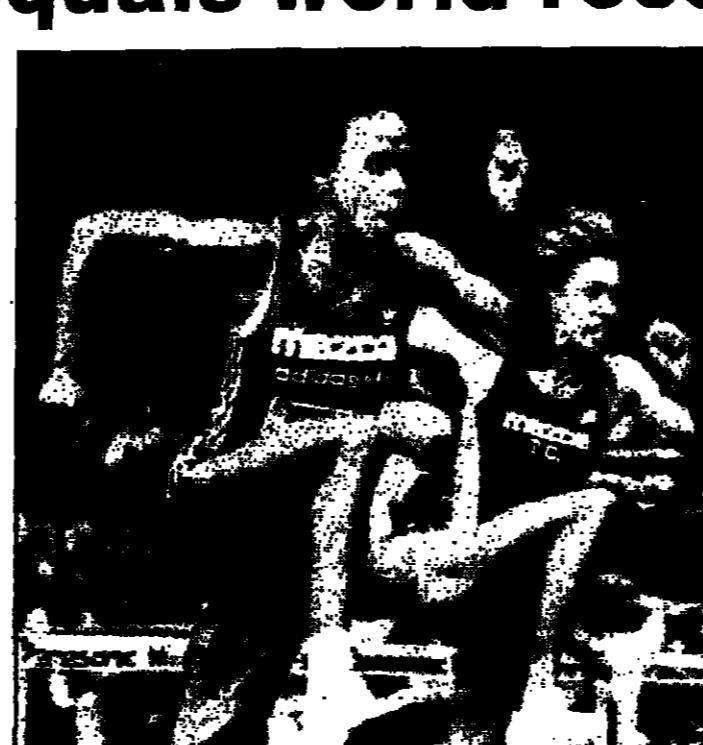
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Beating the skills shortage



Joyner-Kersee (left) and McKenzie clear a hurdle in the finals. (Reuter wirephoto)

in the 3,000 metres, Moroccan Gouri Aouita's time was 7:47.07 to Padilla's 7:47.35.

The featured mile events for men and women provided fast finishes. In the Wanamaker mile, Marcus O'Sullivan of Ireland successfully defended his title from last year, clocking 3:54.27.

O'Sullivan took the lead from Sydney Maree of the United States with 2 1/2 laps to go and sprinted quickly to the end.

Maree's time was 3:58.37.

Closed

Romanian Olympic 1,500 metres champion Paula Ivan won the women's mile in 4:23.72, holding off Mary Slaney of the United States, who closed at the end to finish second 4:23.91.

Randy Barnes, the world indoor record-holder in the men's shot put, won at 72 feet,

SPORTS BRIEFS

Peace prize

ZURICH, Feb 4. (Reuters): The International Football Federation (FIFA) has nominated Joao Havelange, its Brazilian chairman, for this year's Nobel peace prize. It said in a brief statement issued yesterday that it had proposed Havelange for the prize during a FIFA congress held last July.

Indian cricketer

CHANDIGARH, India, Feb 4. (Reuters): A Punjab court yesterday ordered the prosecution to present its case against a plea by Indian cricketer Navjot Sidhu to go on a West Indies tour while facing a charge of culpable homicide. The court will on Monday hear the prosecution's arguments against Sidhu's plea for a lifting of travel restrictions imposed on him after he was accused of beating a motorist to death.

John Emburey

LONDON, Feb 4. (Reuters): A London judge banned former England cricket captain John Emburey from driving for 15 months today after he pleaded guilty to drinking and driving. The court heard how Emburey, 36, was arrested after police found him slumped at the wheel of his car while waiting in a London traffic queue.

VSC soccer

VARCA Sporting Centre (VSC) will organise its 6th annual one day 7-a-side soccer festival on Feb 25 at Al Sour grounds to mark the Kuwait National Day. The draw will be held on Feb 24 at 10 am. For further details contact any VSC member.

Grand Prix

PARIS, Feb 4. (Reuters): Phoenix will stage the US Grand Prix motor race for the next five years, the International Motor Sport Federation (FISA) announced today.

Desert Orchid

LONDON, Feb 4. (Reuters): Gallant grey Desert Orchid produced another superb jumping performance today, reviving memories of Arkle, the great steeplechaser of the 1960s. Simon Sherwood rode the 10-year-old to a three-quarter-length success over highly-rated Pegwell Bay in a Valuable Handicap Chase at Sandown Park.

NL president

NEW YORK, Feb 4. (AP): Bill White was elected the next president of baseball's National League yesterday, becoming the first black to head an American professional sports league.

Morten Frost

WIMBLEDON, England, Feb 4. (UPI): Former world No. 1 Morten Frost is a surprise entry for the Surrey badminton championships at Wimbledon Feb 27-March 4.

Girardelli wins

BEAVER CREEK, Colorado, Feb 4. (AP): Luxembourg's Marc Girardelli, the hottest skier on the World Cup men's circuit, flashed to the gold medal in the men's combined competition yesterday at the World Alpine Ski Championships.

Pakistan match

DUNEDIN, New Zealand, Feb 4. (Reuters): Rain forced play to be abandoned without a ball being bowled on the second day of the first Pakistan-New Zealand cricket Test today.

The first day was also called off because of rain.

With rain still falling and forecasters saying more is on the way, prospects looked dim for a start on the third day.

Dunedin's Carisbrook pitch was expected to give bowlers enough assistance to produce a result.

Navratilova to meet McNeil in final

TOKYO, Feb 4. (Reuters): top-seed Martina Navratilova unleashed a barrage of volleys to demolish eighth seeded Mary Joe Fernandez 6-2 6-2 and reach the final of the \$300,000 Women's Open indoor tennis tournament on Saturday.

Seventh seed Lori McNeil came from behind to oust her former training partner Zina Garrison 5-7 6-4 6-4 in the other all-American semifinal.

Power
Navratilova, 15 years senior to her 17-year-old rival, showed greater agility and power than Fernandez and afterwards declared: "I was happy with everything today."

The world number two added: "I felt on even terms with her on the baseline and had a big advantage at the net because I like the fast surface."

Navratilova broke serve in the fourth game of the first set and in

NEWCASTLE HOLD LIVERPOOL TO 2-2 DRAW

Clough helps Forest edge Luton

LONDON, Feb 4. (Reuters): Nigel Clough seized the chance to impress England soccer manager Bobby Robson with a goal in each half as Nottingham Forest won 3-2 away to Luton today and maintained their First Division title hopes.

Robson was on hand to watch the four Forest members of his England squad, Stuart Pearce, Steve Hodge, Neil Webb and Des Walker, but it was Clough who caught the eye.

A first half penalty and then a



Mirandinha: scored the first goal for Newcastle

as he nipped in to score from the tightest of angles.

Rush banged home the equaliser from close range after 15 minutes but Newcastle, playing far better than their position in the table indicated, were unlucky not to have led at the break when a superb 35-metre drive from Mirandinha hit the post.

The second half was only four minutes old when Danish striker

Pingel rose above the Liverpool

defence to head home his first

goal for Newcastle and put them

back in the lead.

But their joy was short-lived and within 60 seconds Aldridge headed Liverpool back onto level terms.

The draw left Liverpool 11 points adrift of Arsenal and plenty of work to do if they are not to surrender their championship crown.

Newcastle manager Jim Smith drew comfort from the result.

"We turned in a very encouraging performance, but a couple of silly little mistakes cost

us victory. If we can learn from today and go on from there then we have a great chance of avoiding relegation," he said.

The point lifted them one place off the bottom, ahead of West Ham.

Alan Smith, included in

England's squad for their friendly match against Greece next week, boosted his chances of

making the team by grabbing

Arsenal's second goal in their

win over West Ham six

minutes from the end.

ENGLISH League soccer table after matches played today (table under - played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

English Division One

Arsenal 2 West Ham 1

Aston Villa 2 Sheffield Wed 0

Coventry 1 Liverpool 2

Derby 3 Southampton 1

Everton 1 Wimbleton 3

Luton 2 Notts Forest 3

Middlesbrough 1 Coventry 3

Newcastle 2 Liverpool 1

QPR 1 Millwall 2

Playing Sunday: Manchester United v Tottenham

English Division Two

Barnsley 2 Brighton 2

Blackburn 2 Bradford 2

Bournemouth 2 W. Bromwich 1

Ipswich 1 Crystal Palace 2

Leeds 1 Luton 2

Leicester 2 Hull 2

Oldham 3 Watford 2

Plymouth 0 Manchester C. 1

Port Vale 1 Shrewsbury 2

Sheffield Utd 1 Notts 2

Southend 1 West Ham 2

Playing Sunday: Swindon v Oxford

English Division Three

Aldershot 5 Northampton 1

Blackpool 2 Wigan 0

Bristol R. 0 Cardiff 0

Bury 2 Gloucester 0

Colchester 3 Reading 0

Fulham 1 Huddersfield 2

Gillingham 0 Brentford 2

Notts County 2 Mansfield 2

Port Vale 0 Wolves 4

Southend U. 4 Bolton 0

Swindon 1 Preston 2

Walsall 1 Wrexham 0

Playing Sunday: Swindon v Oxford

English Division Four

Burnley 1 Torquay 0

Carlisle 0 Scunthorpe 0

Crewe 1 Hereford 1

Doncaster 1 Rotherham 0

Exeter 2 Darlington 0

Grimsby 0 Wrexham 0

English Division One

Halifax 2 Stockport 2

Hartlepool 0 York 1

Leyton O. 3 Rotherham 0

Lincoln 1 Cambridge 1

Peterborough 0 Tranmere 0

Scarborough 0 Colchester 0

Sheffield Div. One 1 Ruthin 1

Dunfermline 3 Clyde 1

Falkirk v Queen of Scots postponed

Foxfor 2 Clydebank 4

Meadowbank 3 Ardrie

Merton v Kilmarnock postponed

Queens Park 2 East End 2

Stranraer 1 Steinhauseuir 1

Stirling 1 E. Fife 2

Scottish Premier Division - no matches scheduled

Standings

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Arsenal 22 14 5 10 48 23 47

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Notts Forest 23 9 5 30 20 36

Liverpool 20 10 6 6 34 28 36

Derby 20 10 5 7 26 17 35

Manchester U. 22 8 7 9 31 19 33

Everton 22 8 7 9 27 15 31

Wimbledon 22 7 8 9 26 15 31

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English Division Two

Chelsea 27 14 9 4 56 27 51

Manchester C. 27 14 8 5 39 24 50

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West Bromwich 27 14 5 8 41 28 47

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